SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL PROJECTS

Receipts and Expenditures for the period October 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957
and Budgets for remainder of fiscal year February 1 to September 30, 1957

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS 2/1/57 - 9/30/57				$5,000.00
Balance 10/1/56	$1,799.41			
Receipts	2,013.70			
Total		$3,813.11		
Expenditures 10/1/56-1/31/57		2,613.27		
Balance on hand 1/31/57			$1,199.84	
Expected Grant from Phelps-Stokes Fund			2,000.00	
Total on hand and expectable				$3,199.84
Balance to be raised during 8 month period 2/1/57 - 9/30/57				1,800.16

CONSULTANT PROGRAM

Grant from New World Foundation				$17,000.00
Expenditures:				
Administrative Costs:				
SRC Overhead Charge 10%			$1,700.00	
Direct Supervisory Services			3,380.00	
Communications (Estimate)			324.37	
Sub-total				$5,404.37
Consultants' Costs:				
Fees Paid for Cons. Serv.			$3,399.48	
Travel			2,984.39	
Sub-total				$6,383.87
Reserved				
State Staff - Cons. Conf.			$2,500.00	
Consultant Workshops			2,500.00	
Sub-total				$5,000.00
Total Expenditures and Reserves				$16,788.24
Balance 1/29/57				211.76
BUDGET FOR 2/1/57 - 9/30/57 (8 MONTHS ESTIMATED)				$12,000.00
Grant requested (New World Foundation)			$20,000.00	
Less Overhead costs to SRC 10%			2,000.00	
Balance for 12 months period				$18,000.00
Less proposed allocation for apprenticeship program				5,000.00
Balance for Consultant Activities				$13,000.00

FACT-FINDING PROGRAM

Balance, October 1, 1956		$28,999.83
Expenditures:		
Salaries - Central Office	$ 1,597.45	
Fees to Consultants & Others	9,864.43	
Travel	1,142.05	
Total		$12,603.93
Balance 1/29/57		$16,395.90

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PROPOSED BUDGET - CENTRAL OFFICE

February 1, 1957 - September 30, 1957
(Excluding Special Projects)

SYNOPSIS

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR 8 MONTHS February 1, 1957 - September 30, 1957		$65,364.00
LESS:		
Funds on hand for general purposes 2/1/57	$ 378.63	
Field Grant for printing N. S.	3,000.00	
Income Forecast	18,245.00	
Total		$21,623.63
BALANCE - NEW REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM SOURCES UNFORESEEN		$43,740.37

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

Salaries	$44,000.00
Social Security Tax	957.00
Travel	5,000.00
Printing, New South & Postage	4,700.00
Printing, Other	800.00
Rent	1,120.00
Telephone & Telegraph	2,620.00
Postage	900.00
Books & Subscriptions	350.00
Accounting Fees & Legal expense	350.00
Insurance & Misc. Expense	200.00
Office Supplies & Equip.	1,667.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com. Meeting	2,700.00
Total	$65,364.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME

CARRY-OVER FROM PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1956 - JANUARY 31, 1957:		
General Funds	$ 378.63	
Marshall Field Grant (for printing N. S.)	3,000.00	
		$ 3,378.63
CONTRIBUTIONS: (Expectable)		
Individuals		2,875.00
Labor Organizations		
ILGWU	$ 500.00	
UAW	1,000.00	
AFL-CIO	2,000.00	3,500.00
Churches		
Bd. of Home Missions & Ch. Ext. of the Meth. Episcopal Ch.	$ 750.00	
Bd. of Ch. Ext., Pres. Ch. U.S.	200.00	
Nat'l Council Prot. Epis. Ch. U.S.A.	1,000.00	
Gen. Bd. of Educ. Meth. Ch.	300.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Wm's Div. Christian Serv., Bd. of Missions of Meth. Ch.	1,200.00	3,470.00
Foundations		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	$ 300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	
New World Foundation (overhead amt. from special grant)	2,000.00	
Community Work Shop Assoc.	100.00	2,500.00
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions		4,000.00
Honoraria		400.00
Associate Members Dues		300.00
Interest Income		400.00
Sale of Literature		800.00
TOTAL ON HAND AND EXPECTABLE		$21,623.63

(March 1, 1957)

PROPOSED BUDGET - CENTRAL OFFICE - REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR - 1956-57

March 1, 1957 - September 30, 1957
(Excluding Special Projects)

Synopsis

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 7 MONTHS March 1, 1957 - September 30, 1957		$57,535.00	
Outstanding Obligations March 1, 1957		2,652.20	
			$60,187.20
LESS:			
Funds on hand for general purposes March 1, 1957	$2,233.46		
Field Grant for printing N.S.	1,841.60		
Income Forecast	29,600.00		$33,675.06
BALANCE - NEW REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM SOURCES UNFORESEEN			$26,512.14

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES TO OCTOBER 1, 1957

Salaries	$38,500.00	
Social Security Tax	838.00	
Travel	4,325.00	
Printing, New South & Postage	4,095.00	
Printing, Other	700.00	
Rent	980.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	2,292.00	
Postage	900.00	
Books & Subscriptions	315.00	
Accounting Fees & Legal Exp.	315.00	
Insurance & Misc. Expense	175.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,400.00	
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com. Mtg.	2,700.00	
Total		$57,535.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME

FUNDS ON HAND - March 1, 1957

General Funds	$ 1,558.46	
Marshall Field Grant (New South)	1,841.60	
Funds on Hand for Deposit	675.00	$ 4,075.06
CONTRIBUTIONS: (Expectable)		
Individuals	$ 3,500.00	
Organizations	7,000.00	
Churches	2,900.00	
Foundations	13,100.00	
New South Subscriptions	2,500.00	
Associate Member Dues	300.00	
Interest Income	400.00	
Sale of Literature	700.00	$29,600.00
TOTAL ON HAND AND EXPECTABLE		$33,675.06

(April 1,1957)

PROPOSED BUDGET - CENTRAL OFFICE - REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR - 1956-57

April 1, 1957 - September 30, 1957
(Excluding Special Projects)

Synopsis

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 7 MONTHS April 1, 1957 - September 30, 1957	$48,831.00	
Outstanding Obligations April 1, 1957	2,200.00	
		$51,031.00
LESS:		
Funds on hand for general purposes April 1, 1957	$ 2,653.74	
Field Grant for printing N.S.	1,370.94	
Income Forecast	23,759.00	
		$27,783.68
BALANCE - NEW REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM SOURCES UNFORESEEN		$23,247.32

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES TO OCTOBER 1, 1957

Salaries	$31,800.00	
Social Security Tax	676.00	
Travel	3,800.00	
Printing, New South & Postage	3,600.00	
Printing, Other	600.00	
Rent	940.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	2,050.00	
Postage	720.00	
Books & Subscriptions	280.00	
Accounting Fees and Legal Exp.	315.00	
Insurance & Misc. Expense	150.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,200.00	
Annual Meeting & Executive Com. Mtgs.	2,700.00	
Total		$48,831.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME

FUNDS ON HAND - APRIL 1, 1957

General Funds	$ 2,653.74	
Marshall Field Grant (New South)	1,370.94	
Funds on Hand for Deposit	-	
		$ 4,024.68

CONTRIBUTIONS: (Expectable)

Individuals	$ 1,000.00	
Organizations	5,000.00	
Churches	2,625.00	
Foundations	12,100.00	
New South Subscriptions	1,734.00	
Associate Member Dues	300.00	
Interest Income	400.00	
Sale of Literature	600.00	
		$23,759.00
TOTAL ON HAND AND EXPECTABLE		$27,783.68

PROPOSED BUDGET - CENTRAL OFFICE - REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR - 1956-57

April 15, 1957 - September 30, 1957
(Excluding Special Projects)

Synopsis

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 6½ MONTHS April 15, 1957 - September 30, 1957	$ 46,211.00	
Outstanding Obligations April 15, 1957	720.00	
		$ 46,931.00
LESS:		
Funds on hand for general purposes April 15, 1957	$ 7,208.04	
Field Grant for printing N. S.	819.04	
Income Forecast	19,759.00	
		$ 27,786.08
BALANCE - NEW REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM SOURCES UNFORESEEN		$ 19,144.92

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES TO OCTOBER 1, 1957

Salaries	$ 29,200.00	
Social Security Tax	656.00	
Travel	3,800.00	
Printing, New South & Postage	3,600.00	
Printing, Other	600.00	
Rent	940.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	2,050.00	
Postage	720.00	
Books & Subscriptions	280.00	
Accounting Fees and Legal Exp.	315.00	
Insurance & Misc. Expense	150.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	1,200.00	
Annual Meeting & Executive Com. Mtgs.	2,700.00	
Total		$ 46,211.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME

FUNDS ON HAND - APRIL 15, 1957

General Funds	$ 7,208.04	
Marshall Field Grant (New South)	819.04	
		$ 8,027.08

CONTRIBUTIONS: (Expectable)

Individuals	$ 500.00	
Organizations	5,000.00	
Churches	1,625.00	
Foundations	9,600.00	
New South Subscriptions	1,234.00	
Associate Member Dues	300.00	
Interest Income	400.00	
Sale of Literature	600.00	
		$ 19,759.00
TOTAL ON HAND AND EXPECTABLE		$ 27,786.08

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

PROPOSED BUDGET - October 1 - December 31, 1957

Expenses:

Central Office - Program & Administration

Salaries	$17,742.00	
Social Security Taxes	355.00	
Travel	2,400.00	
Printing & Postage, NEW SOUTH	1,900.00	
Printing, Other	700.00	
Rent	420.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	900.00	
Postage	300.00	
Books & Subscriptions	150.00	
Accounting & Legal Fees	150.00	
Insurance	75.00	
Office Supplies & Equipment	600.00	
Executive Committee Mtgs.	300.00	
Miscellaneous	700.00	
		$26,692.00

Consultant Service Program

Direct Supervisory Service	1,000.00	
Communication	100.00	
Fees for Consultant Service	1,150.00	
Consultant Service Travel	1,000.00	
Apprentice Training Project	1,250.00	
SRC Overhead Charge	500.00	
		5,000.00

Fellowship of the Concerned

Travel, State Meetings & Material Distribution	2,500.00	
		2,500.00

Grants to State Organizations

Aid, as determined by Executive Committee	10,000.00	
		10,000.00

TOTAL $44,192.00

Budget - 2.

Estimated Income (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 1957)

Funds on Hand (For Project Purposes)			
Consultant Service Program	$ 5,000.00		
Fellowship of the Concerned	2,500.00		
Grants to State Organizations	10,000.00		
		$17,500.00	
Income Committed (For General Purposes)			
Fund for the Republic (Quarterly Allocation)	9,200.00		
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church	250.00		
Community Workshop Assoc.	100.00		
Office Related Income (Estimate)	900.00		
		10,450.00	
	TOTAL		$27,950.00

Balance to be raised - $16,242.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Breakdown of Income

February 1 - April 15, 1957

INDIVIDUALS:

*Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt		$ 100.00	
*Mrs. F. M. Korn		500.00	
*Miss Anna Lord Strauss		516.77	
*Mr. J. S. Dudley		100.00	
*Mr. J. M. Dabbs		50.00	
*Mr & Mrs. Robert H. Moench		40.00	
*American Traditions Award-- Fund for the Republic			
Mr. David Koonce	416.66		
Mrs. E. Carol Klose	208.33	624.99	
Other		90.00	$ 2,021.76

ORGANIZATIONS:

Labor

United Automobile Workers of America	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union of America	500.00	$ 1,500.00

CHURCHES:

The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A.	1,000.00	
The Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church	250.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service (Kentucky Conference)	25.00	$ 1,595.00

Brought Forward		$ 5,116.76
FOUNDATIONS:		
Edgar B. Stern Family Fund	300.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
*Marion R. Ascoli Fund	500.00	
*New Land Foundation	2,500.00	
*William C. Whitney Foundation	5,000.00	
*Adele R. Levy Fund, Inc.	2,500.00	
New World Foundation (Central Office overhead)	2,000.00	
*George S. Mitchell Tribute Fund	2,037.00	15,237.00
Total Contributions to General Budget		20,353.76
Office-related income (New South Subscriptions and Interest Income)		2,329.83
New World Foundation Grant for Consultant Project		18,000.00
Total Contributions and Income		$ 40,683.59

* Indicates sources not foreseen on January 30, 1957.

FILE COPY

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 30, 1957

M E M O R A N D U M

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

SUBJ: FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC GRANT

:

I know that you will be pleased to see the enclosed copy of Mr. Freeman's letter informing us that the Fund for the Republic has approved a terminal grant of $200,000 to the Southern Regional Council for the three-year period beginning October 1, 1957. This grant was made in response to our request for $250,000 for that period. Despite the twenty per cent reduction, we may consider ourselves fortunate to have received a grant of this size at a time when the Fund is sharply reducing its grant-making activities.

The total amount of the grant has already been transmitted to us and has been invested in accordance with sound professional advice and the approval of the President and the Chairman of the Executive Committee. As a result, it will be possible to earn a significant amount of interest on these funds.

In terms of our projected budget for the thirty-nine months beginning October 1, 1957, this $200,000 amounts to approximately one-third of our estimated financial needs. You will recall that in our request we undertook to raise, from other sources, yearly amounts totaling $403,000 for the thirty-nine month period. In view of the amount finally approved by the Fund, we must find, elsewhere, a somewhat larger amount than this in order to carry on the program activities that we have projected.

With the aid of this grant, we propose to make available to the state groups the total amount of $40,000 during the coming fiscal year. The distribution of these funds among the various state councils will be determined by the Executive Committee on

the basis of written applications from the state groups.

Since no final decision has yet been made concerning publicity for the grant, we are asking that the information be handled with discretion by members of the Southern Regional Council staff, the Executive Committee and the state groups.

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THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC, INC.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

May 17, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am pleased to advise you that the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Republic, Inc. has approved a terminal grant of $200,000 to the Southern Regional Council, for the support of the Council's educational program in the South for the three-year period beginning October 1, 1957, or such longer period as the Council may determine. This grant is made for the purpose described in the Council's request to the Fund dated April 18, 1957.

We hope you will express to the Board and staff members of the Council and the state organizations our appreciation for their devoted work for the principles of equality before the law and equality of opportunity.

We look forward to receiving informal financial and progress reports at quarterly intervals, and copies of your audited financial statements as of the end of your fiscal year.

You are at liberty to publicize this grant should you desire to do so. We should appreciate, however, the opportunity of receiving a draft of any news release before it is made public.

We have on hand a copy of your tax-exempt ruling from the Treasury Department and your statement of February 5, 1954, that the Southern Regional Council has not departed from the terms of the ruling.

I have instructed the Guaranty Trust Company of New York to transfer funds in the amount of $200,000 to the Council's account in the First National Bank of Atlanta, Georgia. These funds will be available to you on May 20th.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ DAVID F. FREEMAN

David F. Freeman
Vice President

June 12, 1957

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Southern Regional Council

Par Value	Security	Maturity Date	Cost*	Approx. Interest Due	Approx. Yield	Approx. Net Gain
$20,000	Fed. Inter. Credit Bank 3 7/8s dated 1/2/57 (Purchased 5/21/57)	10/1/57	$20,317.99	10/1/57-$551	3.2%	$232
$10,000	Fed. Inter. Credit Bank 3.80s dated 5/1/57 (Purchased 5/21/57)	11/1/57	$10,024.24	11/1/57-$194	3.7%	$169
$10,000	Fed. Land Bank 3 7/8s dated 2/15/57 (Purchased 5/21/57)	2/14/58	$10,109.58	8/14/57-$193 2/14/58-$193	3.7%	$277
$75,000	Central Bank & Banks for Coop. 4 1/8s dated 6/3/57 (Purchased 6/3/57)	3/3/58	$75,000.00	3/3/58-$2,353	4.125%	$2,353
$25,000	Fed. Nat'l. Mortgage Assn. 4.05s dated 5/20/57 (Purchased 5/24/57)	4/10/58	$25,011.25	4/10/58-$914	4.0%	$902
$60,000	Fed. Land Bank 2¼s dated 5/1/56 (Purchased 5/21/57)	11/1/58	$58,875.00	11/1/57-$690 5/1/58-$678 11/1/58-$690	3.7%	$3,183
Totals: $200,000			$199,338.06	$6,456	3.74% (Aver.)	$7,116

*Including accrued interest paid at time of purchase.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 21, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: State organizations

FROM: John Constable, Director of Information

RE: Intimidation and violence in connection with civil rights

The Reverend Robert Hughes, executive director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, recently suggested that a roundup of cases of intimidation and violence in the South in connection with civil rights would be useful. We strongly endorse this.

Indications are that such incidents may be on the increase and a careful documentation of such cases would be helpful in interesting national media in interpreting this angle of the segregation controversy. This information also should be extremely useful to the Federal Government in its continued investigation of civil rights violations. As you know, the Commission on Civil Rights is soon to be impanelled to study such situations as these.

And so we would be grateful if your organization will cooperate with the Southern Regional Council in documenting material for such a report.

Suggestions for such a report are:

(1) The period for documentation of such material should be

from August, 1956, to the present time. All cases of physical violence should be listed. The intimidation listings should include all types of intimidation; such as economic, extensive telephone threats, Klan and other resistance group activity when clearly used as specific threats to a community (the Klan parade in Gray, Ga., to frighten Negroes from using theater there); and the many other examples, both overt and subtle. These will help establish any patterns that might exist. Reason for threat or violence should be included if known.

(2) Each case of intimidation or violence in your state during this period should be carefully documented to make our study as authoritative as possible and to lessen the chance of libel.

(3) Each listing should be based on a newspaper article or a reliable substitute. Verbal accounts should be included, but full details as to source should accompany such reports. Both daily and weekly newspapers in your state should be checked for such incidents. If possible SRC would like the newspaper clipping (which could be returned if necessary). If it is not possible to send clipping, then each incident taken from a newspaper account should include name and date of paper.

(4) Other agencies in your state could be checked for possible knowledge of such incidents.

(5) If your organization decides to cooperate in this project, final report date should be December 13, 1957.

(6) An initial report as to progress and additional suggestions would be welcomed by SRC by November 8, 1957.

SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS
CONFERENCE OF AGENCIES WORKING IN THE SOUTH
Atlanta, Georgia

January 23-24, 1957

The group convened in the Board Room of Atlanta University at 2:00 p.m., with Harold Fleming of the Southern Regional Council in the chair. Participants (see attached list) introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. It was pointed out that staff persons present were officially designated representatives of their respective agencies.

The agenda was discussed and adopted with changes. It was agreed that full minutes would not be taken, but that the principal agreements reached would be recorded in summary form. The background and dual purpose of the conference were briefly explained, as follows:

1. On October 24-25 representatives of some of these agencies met at Tuskegee Institute to exchange ideas and plans for field activity in the South. Several specific cooperative efforts were agreed upon and the participants asked the Southern Regional Council to be responsible for reconvening them within about three months time. The present meeting is intended to meet this request.

2. The Consultative Conference on Desegregation (CCD) is a newly formed association of national agencies which have a concern with desegregation. At the formative meeting of the CCD, held in New York last October, the Southern Regional Council was asked to convene the participating agencies' field representatives working in the South. This meeting was also designed to fulfill this commitment.

Report on Concerted Community Action

It was recalled that at the Tuskegee meeting representatives agreed to intensify and coordinate their respective efforts in four selected Southern communities. Subsequent efforts in those communities were reported.

1. Miami, Florida, Seymour Samet of the American Jewish Committee, who had agreed to play the coordinating role in this community, could not be present. In his absence, a letter from him was summarized. He reported that agencies in the Miami area were cooperating in a new effort to advance school desegregation there. Details of the new effort were still being worked out, but there was a possibility that the Dade County Council on Community Relations would be used as the central vehicle. The main object would be to formulate a plan for desegregation of the schools based on extensive fact-finding,and to give this plan wide distribution and interpretation to school officials and the community at large. There was considerable discussion of what the agencies represented might do to

involve more community elements, particularly organized labor and the churches, in this local activity.

2. Nashville, Tennessee. John Hope II and A. C. Miller of Nashville reported on recent activities of the Nashville Conference on Community Relations. This interracial organization has made a great deal of progress in interpreting to the community and to public officials the desirability of good faith compliance with the Supreme Court's school decision. It was pointed out that Nashville is now under a court order requiring a beginning on desegregation by September, 1957. However, it was also reported that the recent disorders in Clinton had led to some deterioration of public opinion and that continued efforts by positive forces in the state and in Nashville were imperative. Recent positive statements by the Tennessee Council of Churches were cited as one evidence of such activity.

3. Greensboro, North Carolina. Tartt Bell of the American Friends Service Committee reported that Greensboro had been selected as an appropriate Piedmont community in which to focus agency efforts. Under the leadership of the AFSC, staff persons from agencies active in that area had been convened, and discussions had been held with influential local leadership. Further concerted action was planned.

4. Charlottesville, Virginia. Fred Routh of SRC reported that three public discussion groups had met here since the Tuskegee meeting, discussing (a) legal aspects of the Supreme Court decision; (b) religious bases for the decision; and (c) facts about intelligence differences. It was noted that Charlottesville is now under order of the federal courts to desegregate its schools beginning in September, 1957, and that organized segregationists are seeking to prevent positive community planning to this end. The Charlottesville Council on Human Relations is carrying on effective activity, but could be greatly strengthened by the efforts of more agencies to activate their own local constituents.

Attacks on Civil Liberties

"What can we do to combat private and official attacks on basic rights of groups and individuals favoring desegregation?"

This question was discussed at some length. A number of Southern states have passed legislation or taken administrative action aimed in the first instance at the NAACP. Some of these measures have had the effect of halting or curtailing the NAACP's activities. Clearly the primary objective is to cut off access to the courts by Negro citizens and to prevent organized efforts that would give voice and action to pro-integration views. Several participants stressed the fact that the measures used against the NAACP can be used against any individuals or groups that incur the displeasure of the pro-segregation forces. Thus the fundamental issue is not merely the survival or well-being of the NAACP, but the right of every organization to espouse unpopular but legitimate points of view.

The following suggestions for counter-action were made:

1. That all participants and their agencies familiarize themselves factually and in detail with the repressive methods being used.

2. That we interpret the dangers of these methods to influential organizations and individuals so that they may be encouraged to oppose restrictions on free speech, freedom of association, and freedom to petition.

3. That the letters-to-the-editor columns of Southern newspapers be used more effectively as a forum for positive views. All agencies should put systematic effort into stimulating the writing of such letters by constituents.

4. That all agencies work actively to get positive aspects of desegregation featured in the Southern press and in national media.

5. That we arm ourselves with the facts about the NAACP and other organizations about which misinformation is being circulated; and that other organizations speak out in support of the misrepresented groups.

6. That we recognize the importance of the use of the ballot as a defense against demagogic attacks upon Negroes and organizations favoring equal rights.

Activation of Prestige Figures

There was lengthy discussion of the need to invoke the prestige of nationally prominent persons -- most particularly President Eisenhower.

Among the alternative possibilities mentioned were: (a) a speech by the President in the South before an audience of churchmen; (b) a televised or otherwise nationally publicized statement on compliance with desegregation, law and order, etc.; (c) appropriate remarks before some group that the President might address in Washington.

It was reported that several independent approaches to the President along these lines are already in process. It was agreed that this was probably desirable and that no effort should be made to coordinate all approaches into one, although it was recognized that the CCD might pursue this question in greater depth. Several participants also expressed the opinion that the more "natural" the occasion for which the President would be asked to speak, the better. That is, normal, regular channels would probably be more acceptable than contrived events or settings.

Some participants felt that the prestige of Vice-President Nixon's position might also be helpfully invoked. A specific suggestion was that Mr. Nixon and the Committee on Government Contracts might stage a series of hearings in Southern cities, in connection with the work of the Committee.

This, it was thought, would provide a publicized forum for consideration of racial problems and their effect on the national interest. The CCD and/or the American Jewish Committee were mentioned as possible groups to further this proposal.

The point was made that women's groups -- national as well as Southern and local -- have a tremendous unrealized potential. The CCD might address itself to further involvement of the leading women's organizations.

Lengthy consideration was also given to the potential influence of the economic "power structure" through national as well as Southern channels. In fact, some participants felt that access to this leverage is mainly to be found outside rather than inside the South, at least in the initial stages. It was recognized that several agencies (some of them in CCD) have been considering possibilities in this field. It was strongly felt that these efforts should be continued and increased.

Concerted Community Action

It was agreed that the agencies represented, through their Southern field staff, might carry a step further the idea developed at the Tuskegee meeting. The procedure for doing this was finally resolved as follows: the Southern Regional Council, in informal consultation with other participants headquartered in Atlanta, will serve as a central observer of developments in Southern communities. When a community is judged to offer promise of desegregation or to threaten an acute emergency in race relations, the Council is to communicate with the other agencies about the possibility of a joint meeting of their Southern field staff representatives in the affected community. Agencies with local constituents would undertake to have a staff representative in the selected community on a pre-agreed date. These staff members would then meet "on the ground" and decide how each of them might contribute to the activation of positive elements in the community. It was felt that this kind of concerted planning and action in the field would greatly strengthen the effectiveness of inter-agency cooperation. The following points were also agreed upon:

1. That such concerted action would have to have the approval of top agency leadership, so that questions of priority and conflict with routine staff duties could be resolved.

2. That any joint meeting in the field would have to be preceded by careful examination of a community situation and assurance from knowledgeable local people that such multi-agency activity would be timely and effective. SRC, with the cooperation of other appropriate agencies, would carry this responsibility.

3. That a determination would have to be made in each case as to which agencies might best be involved. This could be handled in large part by telephone calls or other communication with the cooperating groups, but SRC would be greatly aided by background on resources, constituents, and details of operation from the agencies themselves.

4. That this arrangement be considered for the time being as an exploratory effort. Any such plan involves complexities and problems that can only be worked out in pilot experiences. Charlottesville, Virginia, was mentioned as a likely possibility for an initial test.

5. That if this cooperative approach works well and grows, the expense -- notably the cost of long-distance calls -- will become more than any one agency can easily absorb in its general budget. This will be taken up again, depending upon the success of the first few efforts.

Recommendations to CCD

One of the purposes of this meeting was to give to CCD any advice which the Southern staff members of participating agencies might have to offer. Including items mentioned in the preceding summary, the following were suggested:

1. That CCD further the idea that national agencies consult with and involve Southern staff in the planning and execution of major strategies designed to influence developments in the South. It was felt that one of the most fruitful results of the CCD might be cross-fertilization between professionals engaged in program activity in the South and those dealing with national media, opinion makers, etc.

2. That CCD consider whether there should be regional or local meetings similar to this one in other areas of the country. It was fully recognized, however, that the South at this time is, and should be, the main focus of activity pertaining to desegregation.

3. That the CCD urge appropriate participating agencies to give their Southern staff instructions and latitude necessary to partipate in the plan of concerted community activity.

4. That the CCD and its participating agencies give every emphasis to the activation of prestige figures, including the President, other high government officials, business and industrial leaders, and others.

5. That the CCD and its participating agencies use their information resources to alert the public to the civil liberties threats posed by intolerant pro-segregation activity in the South.

Next Steps

The Southern Regional Council was requested, and agreed, to continue to serve as convener and communications center for the agencies represented at this meeting and such other agencies as might later be involved. Accordingly, the SRC was asked to:

1. Issue a memorandum listing names and addresses of Southern regional offices and field representatives of participating agencies.

2. Explore the possibility of having present at a future session a sympathetic newspaper editor who might serve as a resource person on more effective work with the Southern press.

3. Reconvene the group in May or June, so that there may be joint discussion and planning well in advance of new school developments in September.

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Encl.

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Paul Rilling

YWCA
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Miss Mary Jane Willett

*representing two agencies

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Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Center

FATHER ALEXANDER O. SIGUR, DCL. MA., CHAPLAIN
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MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 532, S.L.I. STATION

May 28, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for your letter of May 16th and your greetings on my membership on the board of S.R.C. It will be a pleasure to serve in some capacity and I know I will gain and learn more than I could ever contribute. I am looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Alexander O. Sigur

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May 20, 1957

Father Alexander O. Sigur
Southwestern Louisiana Institute
Lafayette, La.

Dear Father Sigur:

I have just been informed by Mr. Harold Fleming that you have accepted appointment upon the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, succeeding Father Maurice Shean, which is heartening news.

No doubt Mr. Fleming has written you in behalf of our board but I should like to add my own personal expression of gratification that you are to join us. I am quite sure that you will find the association stimulating and I know that the board will be enriched by your inclusion among its members.

We look forward to meeting you at our next session.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

b. c. to Harold Fleming

Sigur, Alexander O.

May 16, 1957

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The enclosed memo to the Executive Committee is self-explanatory. Paul Williams was particularly anxious that you be informed of Father Sigur's selection. You will probably want to write Father Sigur yourself and welcome him to our midst.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Carmen: include on your list, of Board + Executive Committee members, the name + address as below.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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May 16, 1957

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

You will recall that Paul Williams accepted the responsibility for selecting an appropriate successor to Father Maurice Shean for our Board and Executive Committee. We have just had the very welcome news from Mr. Williams that an excellent successor has been chosen and has accepted. Mr. Williams writes:

> I am delighted to inform you . . . that Father Alexander O. Sigur has accepted our invitation to serve on our Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He is one of the top priests in the South and it was worth the delay getting his acceptance. He is a real thinker, progressive and personable. He is chaplain of Catholic Students at Southwestern Louisiana Institute and editor of the diocesan newspaper (Lafayette diocese).

I have written Father Sigur today welcoming him to membership, and I have sent him appropriate background materials on the Council. He will be invited to attend the July meeting of the Executive Committee.

Kindest regards.

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P.O. Box 532
S.L.I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

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May 16, 1957

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Wonderful news about Father Sigur. He sounds like a fine choice for our Board and Executive Committee, and we all have reason to be deeply grateful to you for delivering so well on a difficult assignment.

I will write Father Sigur at once and send him pertinent materials about SRC. The exact date of the next Executive Committee meeting has not yet been set, but it will be sometime in July. We should be nailing down the date soon, and I will see that both you and Father Sigur are notified at the very earliest.

I will be looking forward to seeing you again. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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P. S. I was pleased to find that Father Sigur has been on the complimentary mailing list for New South since 1952.

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Richmond, Va.
May 15, 1957

Dear Harold,

I am delighted to inform you (see enclosed) that Father Alexander O. Sigur has accepted our invitation to serve on our Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He is one of the top priests in the South and it was worth the delay getting his acceptance. He is a real thinker, progressive and personable. He is chaplain of Catholic Students at ~~Southern~~ Southwestern Louisiana Institute and editor of the diocesan newspaper (Lafayette diocese).

Please send him pertinent literature re SRC and notify him about our next meeting as far in advance as possible. Please tell me the date and place of our next executive meeting.

Please inform Marion about Fr. Sigur.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,
Paul

Under separate cover this date:
Staff Biographies and Organizational Chart
History of SRC
South of the Future
Next Steps in the South
South of Promise

Father Alexander O. Sigur
Post Office Box 532
S.L.I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

Paul Williams has just advised us that you have accepted membership on the Board and Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. This is most welcome news indeed, and all of us here are looking forward to meeting you.

I am sending separately materials on the background and activities of the Council. Please don't hesitate to write me for any further information that may be helpful to you.

The exact date of our next Executive Committee meeting has not been set, but it will take place sometime in July. You will be hearing from us further about it in the very near future. Meanwhile, our appreciation and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 532, S.L.I. STATION

May 7, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Williams
330 East Cermak Road
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Paul:

I am finally able to give you an answer to your letter of March 16th concerning membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I have consulted with my Bishop and after due consideration he allows that the answer be affirmative. It will be a great pleasure for me to serve and I look forward to the experience.

Thank you for your recommendation and may God bless you in your own work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Alexander O. Sigur

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MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 532, S.L.I. STATION

April 24, 1957

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Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Excuse my delay in answering you good letter of March 26th. I have been waiting for a good opportunity to speak to the Bishop about the S.R.C. and will do so this week. I have heard from Duplex and will try to accommodate. I have also heard from Lavanoux. You really get around. I shall also try to accomplish his request.

Thanks very kindly for your interest, Paul and plan to be back with us at your earliest convenience. How do you keep up with all these commitments.

Best wishes and God be with you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Alexander O. Sigur

Encls. to Nominating Comm. Members:
1 reply Postal Card
1 list of Board members whose terms expire Nov. 1957
1 list of Board members whose terms expire Nov. 1959
1 list of "Officers and Exec. Comm. Members of S.R.C." - see attached.

September 11, 1957

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

You were kind enough to accept the appointment, made at the Council's annual meeting in November, 1956, to serve on this year's nominating committee. The purpose of this committee is to make nominations for officers, executive committee members, and board members, which will be submitted to the 1957 annual meeting here in Atlanta on November 12th.

Since our by-laws provide that the nominating committee shall meet not less than 30 days before the annual meeting, the time for at least an initial meeting is near.

Would it be possible for you to attend such a meeting at the offices of the Southern Regional Council on Friday, October 11 at 2:00 P. M.? If this time is impossible for you, will you please indicate on the enclosed postal card what date and time during the week beginning Monday, October 7th would be possible.

I should point out that the by-laws do not require that the committee make its final nominations 30 days prior to the annual meeting, but simply that the committee meet and begin its deliberations by that time. Enclosed is a list of the board as now constituted, showing the status of each board member. You will see that the terms of 21 members automatically expire on October 1st when the state groups by which they were named end their affiliate relationship with SRC. An additional 23 members are in the class of 1957,

which means that their current terms will expire as of the end of the 1957 annual meeting. Members in both categories are eligible for re-election.

Also enclosed is a list of the present officers and executive committee members. Mr. Wright signified that he does not intend to be a candidate for re-election to the presidency. The other officers are subject to re-election, as are those members of the executive committee who continue as board members.

At the time of our meeting, I will put before you additional names that have been suggested for the positions that must be filled. Meanwhile, however, I hope you will make a note of suitable names that occur to you. Of course, the final nominations will be solely the decision of the nominating committee.

There has never been a time in the history of SRC when it was more important to secure the best possible leadership. We appreciate your willingness to give your time and judgment to this important matter, and I assure you that the staff will do everything it can to keep the demands of your time and energy to a minimum.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

Same ltr. sent to:

Dr. J. M. Richards
Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Mr. Philip Hammer

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SRC

Officers:

Marion A. Wright, President

Albert W. Dent, Vice-President

Gordon B. Hancock - Vice-President

Paul D. Williams, Vice-President

Joseph F. Haas, Counsel

Dent
Wilkins
Wright
Williams

Executive Committee:

Rufus E. Clement, Chairman (Elected by Executive Committee)

B. R. Brazeal

Paul Christopher

J. M. Dabbs

Albert W. Dent

John A. Griffin

Joseph F. Haas,

~~Gordon B. Hancock~~ Grace Hamilton

Duncan Hunter

~~Harry V. Richardson~~

Josephine Wilkins

Paul D. Williams

Marion A. Wright

Father Alexander O. Sigur

Dr. Lester Rumble

(may by Exec ctee)

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Non-Ctee
Dr. Richardson
W. C. Brooke
C. C. Conillion

☑ I can be present for a Nominating Committee meeting on October 11 at 2:00 P. M.

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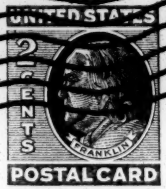

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Board

October 21, 1957

Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit
Episcopal Diocese of South Florida
458 Virginia Drive
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Bishop:

The nominating committee of the Southern Regional Council asked the various professional staff members if they had any suggestions for prospective Board members of SRC. It was my pleasure to suggest your name. I did this for the following three reasons:

1. As an Episcopalian reared in the Diocese of South Florida I have known you as an outstanding churchman. This dates back to the time when you were pastor in my uncle's church in West Palm Beach.

2. I know that you have been an outstanding advocate of law and order and sensible progress towards compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

3. You have served on the Board of our state affiliate, the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I am enclosing some material about the Council which I believe will be of interest to you. Would it be possible for you to give adequate consideration to this invitation in the next fortnight and let me know by the first of November whether it would be possible for you to serve. Board members are elected in mid-November and the responsibility entails one meeting per year, travel expenses for which are paid by the Council. Other Floridians who have been recent members of the Board of SRC include: Rev. Caxton Doggett (Winter Park), Mr. Hollis Rinehart (Miami), Dean A.L. Kidd (Florida A & M), and Mr. Herbert Davidson (Daytona Beach). These men, you will note, have all been active in the Florida Council as well.

Best personal regards.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR;FCL

Board
Non. Comm.

October 21, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma and Jim:

The nominating committee of the SRC asked the professional staff for suggestions of new members for the Board of SRC. I suggested, among others, one of you. The nominating committee liked the idea and in a novel procedure asked me to write you and invite one of you to membership of the Board. The novel part of the procedure consists of the fact that you are to determine which one of you would find it possible to serve. I have always thought of you as a team and therefore find it impossible to decide between you. We try to balance the Board on a geographical and occupational, a racial and an interest area basis. You both meet all qualifications, except that we need only one from your section of Tennessee. So would you please give serious thought to the matter and let me know your decision within a fortnight, say by November 1st. I am enclosing some further materials about SRC for use in your deliberations.

I see that we have both been blasted for our participation in the Highlander Labor Day weekend workshop. I always regret that the opposition cannot be sufficiently intellectually honest to disagree with us only on the basis of principle, but that they have to resort to mud slinging and name calling. But so be it.

I read the chapter from your book which appeared in the New York Sunday Times. The prose style is truly poetic and the content shows a depth of understanding that few interpreters of our time have.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR;fcl

November 5, 1957

Dr. J. McDowell Richards
President
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

Many thanks for your letter of October 21.

While we missed your wise counsel at the meeting of the Nominating Committee, no apologies are necessary. I know all too well what the bulk of correspondence, combined with the effect of much travel, can do. The meeting went very well, and the committee agreed upon a list of proposed nominees that I think will greatly strengthen our board. I would have sent you a list before now, except that we have been engaged in sounding out as many of the proposed nominees as possible before the meeting and I have hesitated to compile a list until that screening process has been completed as far as we are able. I do hope that it will be possible for you to attend the annual meeting of the Council next week beginning Tuesday at 1:30 P. M. in the Board Room of Atlanta University.

May I take this occasion to say a word of admiration and appreciation for the recent statement of Atlanta ministers in which you joined as a signer. I really think that this was one of the most constructive pronouncements yet to come from the religious leadership of the South.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Columbia Theological Seminary

Decatur, Georgia

October 21, 1957

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Fleming:

I have just found in a file of papers on my desk at home a letter from you dated September 11 together with enclosures.

I am very much ashamed of the fact that I did not reply to this letter and am writing at this time to apologize for an apparent discourtesy. I am sure that I put the letter aside at the time it was received with the expectation that I would answer it promptly, and that it then escaped my attention and my memory. I want you to be assured that my failure to respond and to attend the meeting of the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council was not due to a lack of interest. I hope very much that the committee has been able to agree on a suitable report.

With kind regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

J. McDowell Richards

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Board

November 8, 1957

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Thanks for thy letter, lad
From high on thy mountain side,
The news within it made us glad
Tho we'll miss your bonnie bride.

Tis good to have you on our board
Even if you're "but a poet,"
For the bard was smiled on by the Lord
And the Book of Psalms doth show it.

So, come to us with your poet's pen
And bring 'long the Golden Rule,
We'll challenge the oppressor in his den
And free the American School.

With apologies to a real poet,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

405 Clifton Hts.
Newport, Tenn.
Nov. 3, 1957

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Fred:

I am sorry I have been so late in answering your good letter of October 21st. We appreciate your comments in regard to the Times piece, and we hope you will like the book as well.

Wilma is already snowed under with too many clubs, writing projects and household duties but I would be willing to serve on the board of the Southern Regional Council with the advance warning that I am not much of an organization man and am strictly a writer, not a speaker, an unpredictable poet and not a sociologist. Also, my religious beliefs lean in the direction pf The Psalmist, The Sermoneer on the Mount, Tom Paine, Jefferson, Emerson, Thoreau, Tom Wolfe: one God, nature, the creative spirit, American democracy, man-of-earth.

I also believe that the Governor of Georgia, in seeking to subvert the law of the United States and the Golden Rule, gives more aid to the Communists than does Clarence Jordan, Myles Horton, Martin Luther King, Jr., Harry Ashmore, and other law-abiding "trouble makers." Who is "un-American"? He who puts self before country, political expediency before the rights of man.

Our thanks again for the help you and Harold Fleming gave us on our book.

Sincerely,

James Stokely

Mémo FROM THE DESK OF **FRED ROUTH**

8 Nov 57

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FBR

November 11, 1957

The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, D.D.
Diocese of South Florida
324 North Interlachen Avenue
P.O. Box 597
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Bishop Louttit:

Thank you for your kind letter informing us that you cannot at this time accept nomination to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. We are, of course, disappointed that you find yourself too busy to accept, but fully understand the heavy responsibilities in diocesan work.

Thank you for the endorsement of the Southern Regional Council. We feel it very important that we have the moral backing of men of your spiritual stature. Perhaps in the future it will be possible for you to accept Board membership.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

Board

DIOCESE OF SOUTH FLORIDA
324 NORTH INTERLACHEN AVENUE
P. O. BOX 597
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

THE RT. REV. HENRY I. LOUTTIT, D. D.
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SUFFRAGAN BISHOP

THE REV. WILLIAM L. HARGRAVE, S. T. M.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MR. A. STEUART DERBY, JR.
TREASURER

November 5, 1957

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh:

Please accept my sincere apologies for not acknowledging your letter of October 21 any earlier. Unfortunately I was out of the office and out of town a great deal during October and all of my correspondence suffered. However, in this particular case, the letter and its enclosures was delivered to my home and somehow got mixed up with some magazines and other printed material and I did not see it until yesterday.

It would be better if business mail were addressed to me, P. O. Box 597, Winter Park, Florida which means it will be brought to the office and I can hardly overlook it.

I do appreciate your desire to nominate me to the Board of the Southern Regional Council but I must advise against it. Unfortunately I find myself in the position of a man who simply has accepted more responsibility than he can properly fulfill. It is true that I am on the Board of Directors of the Florida Council on Human Relations but I have never been able to attend a meeting. So likewise I am on the local board here in this community and am able to do nothing about it. I hate to keep on taking responsibilities when I know from past experience I cannot really function properly.

You know, of course, that I am interested in this whole tremendous problem and believe that the Southern Regional Council is doing an outstanding work in connection therewith but I cannot think you will strengthen your organization by having me on the directors even though it involves only one meeting per year.

Thanking you for your courtesy and with warm personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours

BISHOP OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Present & Past Bd Members

Approved Nov. 12, 1957

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Chairman

On October 11th the Nominating Committee met to select nominees for membership in the Southern Regional Council - or Board membership as it was known in earlier years. An unusually large number of vacancies existed this year since the two ex-officio members from each of the state organizations automatically ceased to be members as of October 1, 1957 when the state organizations became independent agencies.

The following nominees were selected from three areas: (1) new nominees, (2) regular members of the class of 1957, whose terms expire at the end of this meeting, and (3) former members whose ex-officio membership automatically expired as of October 1st. Concerning this latter group it was felt desirable to nominate to regular membership the current chairman of each of the state organizations.

Your committee has also carefully considered the nominations for officers, members of the Executive Committee, and three members of the 1958 Nominating Committee. We have regretfully acceded to President Wright's request that he not be considered for re-election and have included our nomination for the presidency of the Council.

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List of Board Members 20 at meeting
Showing Acceptances, Rejections and No Responses 47
Accepted — Rejected 23 2 46

I. NOMINATIONS FOR RE-ELECTION

yes 1.	Mrs. L. C. Bates	Little Rock, Arkansas	✓
yes 2.	Dr. B. R. Brazeal	Atlanta, Georgia	✓
yes 3.	Mr. W. Carroll Brooke	Staunton, Virginia	✓
✗ 4.	Mr. I. H. Burney (Mtg)	Jacksonville, Florida	✓
yes 5.	Mr. Hodding Carter	Greenville, Mississippi	✓
yes 6.	Mr. C. S. Cartwright	Little Rock, Arkansas	✓
✗ 7.	Dr. Rufus E. Clement	Atlanta, Georgia	✓
yes 8.	Mrs. James S. Crate	Houston, Texas	✓
yes 9.	Mr. Jerome Crossman	Dallas, Texas	✓
yes 10.	Mr. Caxton Doggett	Winter Park, Florida	✓
yes 11.	Mr. Duncan Hunter	Alexander City, Alabama	✓
yes 12.	Dr. Guy B. Johnson	Chapel Hill, North Carolina	✓
13.	~~Dr. S. E. Duncan~~ ~~Mr. John R. Larkins~~	~~Raleigh, North Carolina~~	
yes 14.	Mr. Z. A. Looby	Nashville, Tennessee	✓
✗ 15.	Dr. Benjamin E. Mays	Atlanta, Georgia	✓
16.	Dr. A. C. Miller — Rejected	~~Nashville, Tennessee~~	
yes 17.	Mr. L. D. Milton	Atlanta, Georgia	✓
yes 18.	Dr. A. G. Moron	Hampton, Virginia	✓
yes 19.	Dr. E. C. Peters	Atlanta, Georgia	✓
20.	Dr. J. L. Reddix	Jackson, Mississippi	✓
yes 21.	Mrs. E. U. Robinson	Gallatin, Tennessee	✓
yes 22.	Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg	Louisville, Kentucky	✓
✗ 23.	Mr. Charles A. Shaw	Houston, Texas	✓
yes 24.	Mr. Courtney Siceloff	Frogmore, South Carolina	✓
yes 25.	Dr. H. C. Trenholm	Montgomery, Alabama	✓
✗ 26.	Mr. John H. Wheeler	Durham, North Carolina	✓

St. Nyt prefer Raleigh, N.C.

Nominations for Re-election (continued)

27. Dr. Raymond Wheeler — Charlotte, North Carolina

28. Miss Josephine Wilkins — Atlanta, Georgia

29. Mr. Paul D. Williams — Richmond, Virginia

30. Mr. Thomas W. Young — Norfolk, Virginia

3 - No response to date

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II. NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. Mr. William Baggs — Editor, the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida

2. Mr. Irving Carlyle — Attorney, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

3. Dr. James A. Colston — President, Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee

4. Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim — Dean, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

5. Mr. Fred Darragh — President: Darko Corporation; President: Darrow Building and Supply Company, Little Rock, Arkansas

Yes S. E. Duncan — See below

6. Mr. William Faulkner — Author, Oxford, Mississippi

7. Mr. Paul Green — Author, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

8. Mrs. Austin Kimball — Y.W.C.A. leader, Gainesville, Florida

9. Mr. Dow Kirkpatrick — Minister, St. Marks Methodist Church - 781 Peachtree, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia

10. Mr. C. A. McKnight — Editor, the Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, North Carolina

11. Rabbi Charles Mantinband — Hattiesburg, Mississippi

12. Mr. Stanley Marcus — President, Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, Texas

13. Mr. Francis Pickens Miller — Organization Executive and Member, Central Committee, World Council of Churches, Charlottesville, Virginia

Yes S. E. Duncan - St. Supervisor High Schools - Dept. of Public Instruction St. of N.C. Raleigh, NC

Nominations for New Members of the Council (continued)

14.	Mr. Benjamin Muse	Columnist, the Washington Post Manassas, Virginia
15.	Dr. Samuel Proctor	President, Virginia Union University Richmond, Virginia
16.	Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild	Atlanta, Georgia
17.	Mr. Walter Sharp	Professor of Fine Arts, Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee
18.	Mr. James Stokely	Author Newport, Tennessee
19.	Mr. Dan Whitsett	Minister, Sylacuga Methodist Church Sylacuga, Alabama
20.	Dr. Bell Wiley	Professor of History and Civil War Authority Emory University, Georgia
21.	Dr. Stephen Wright	President, Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee

ALTERNATES

Mrs. John F. Wellborn	Board Member, National Y.W.C.A. Greenville, South Carolina
Dr. Riley B. Montgomery	President, College of the Bible Lexington, Kentucky
Mr. Camille Gravel	Attorney and Democratic National Committeeman from Louisiana Alexandria, Louisiana
Mr. Nelson Poynter	Editor, the St. Petersburg Times St. Petersburg, Florida

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(In addition to the persons elected by this meeting the officers of the Council are ~~ex-officio~~ members of this committee.)

1. Dr. B. R. Brazeal
2. Mr. Paul Christopher
3. Dr. Rufus E. Clement

Nominations for the Executive Committee (continued)

4. Dr. John A. Griffin
5. Mrs. Grace Hamilton
6. Mr. Duncan Hunter
7. Father Alexander O. Sigur
8. Miss Josephine Wilkins

IV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Mr. W. C. Brooke
2. Dr. C. G. Gomillion
3. Dr. H. V. Richardson

L. D. Mitton
Dorcas Ruthenburg

V. VICE-PRESIDENTS

1. Dr. Albert W. Dent
2. Mr. Paul Williams
3. Mr. Marion A. Wright

VI. COUNSEL

1. Mr. Joseph Haas

VII. PRESIDENT

1. Mr. James M. Dabbs

Nelson Poynter, St. Petersburg, Florida. Editor, Times

? ✓ Stanley Marcus, Dallas, Texas. Department store executive

~~Archbishop Robert Lucey, San Antonio, Texas. Catholic clergyman~~

X ✓ Bishop Noland B. Harmon, Charlotte, N.C. Methodist *

— Dr. John Rustin, Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

X ✓ Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Georgia. District Superintendent, Methodist Church

(?✓) alt Dow Kirkpatrick, Atlanta, Georgia. Methodist minister

Dr. Claude Thompson, Atlanta, Georgia. Emory University School of Theology

X ✓ Rev. Norman Shands, West End ? Baptist Church

2nd Mrs. John F. Wellborn, Greenville, SC, Nat'l YWCA

✓ Mrs. Austin Kimball, Gainesville, Fla., former pres., Natl YWCA

✓ Dr James A Colston, Knoxville College

✓ Pres. Samuel Proctor, Va. Union Univ.

✓ Bell I. Wiley, Emory U., Atlanta

X ✓ James Silver, Miss

✓ Dr. Stephen Wright, Pres., Fisk

✓ ** Dan Whitsett

✓ Dr. E C Peters

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* Whitsett alt.?

** Preferred alt. replacements to bring to strength

Same ltr. sent to:

Nominees for Re-election to Board Membership

Mrs. L. C. Bates
W. Carroll Brooke
Hodding Carter
C. S. Cartwright
Mrs. James S. Crate
Jerome Crossman
Caxton Doggett
Guy B. Johnson
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A. C. Miller
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A. G. Moron
E. C. Peters
J. L. Reddix
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Dorcas Ruthenberg
Courtney Siceloff
H. C. Trenholm
Raymond Wheeler
Paul D. Williams
Thomas W. Young

November 19, 1957

Mrs. L. C. Bates
1804 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

It is my pleasant duty to notify you of an action taken by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. It was the unanimous vote of the meeting that you be re-elected as a regular member of the Council's governing body for a four-year term.

To this invitation from the Board I want to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint, Semi-annual Report, List of Board Members (July 1, 1957)

Same ltr. sent to:
NewNominees for Board Membership

S. E. Duncan
William Baggs
James A. Colston
Fred Darragh
Mrs. Austin Kimball
~~Begg~~
Benjamin Muse
Samuel Proctor
Walter Sharp
James Stokely
Dan Whitsett
Bell Wiley
Stephen Wright

November 19, 1957

Mr. William Baggs
Editor
THE MIAMI DAILY NEWS
P. O. Box 2410
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Baggs:

It is my pleasant duty to inform you of an action taken by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. It was the unanimous vote of the meeting that you be invited to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the ~~Board~~ Directors I should like to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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is my pleasant duty to invite you

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Same ltr. to Duncan Hunter

November 20, 1957

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

I have the pleasant duty to inform you, on behalf of the Board, of your re-election as a regular member, as well as your re-election to the Executive Committee.

It was a matter of regret to the Council, and to me personally, that through a technicality we lost your valuable participation in the Annual Meeting. The Meeting went very well, and everyone present seemed highly pleased with the way the Executive Committee and the staff have discharged their responsibilities during the past year.

I trust that we may count on your acceptance of membership on the Board and the Executive Committee, and I am looking forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1957

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

It is my pleasant duty to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the governing body of the Southern Regional Council. At the Annual Meeting held last week, it was unanimously voted that you be invited to membership.

To the Board's invitation, I would like to add an expression of my own gratification at this action and my hope that you will find it possible to accept. I know that this position brings with it little except headaches in Mississippi today, but it is offered out of our deep appreciation for the courage and leadership you have consistently given to the Council and to others.

I will look forward hopefully to word from you. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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November 20, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I regret very much that confinement to my desk with pressing problems of the usual nature prevented my attending the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. I wanted to be there.

I am more than pleased to accept service again on the Council's governing body. In these times or in any other times, it is an honor to be associated with a group like the Southern Regional Council which offers so much of hope and constructive action. Call on me and I will do my part.

Sincerely yours,

L. D. Milton, President

LDM/erb

PA

REV. W. CARROLL BROOKE
POST OFFICE BOX 208
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

21 November 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, S. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I have your letter informing me of my election to the Southern Regional Council as a regular member for the next four years. This is a very high honor and I can not tell you how much I appreciate the desire of the Board to have me become a member.

I think you know well my interest, through the past years of association as an ex-officio member; and I assure you of my whole-hearted support in accepting this election.

I know of no greater work outside of the Church than that which you are leading as director of the Council. Staunton is not prepared as yet to have your team come for an all-day institute such as I witnessed in Charlottesville last summer. It is this service that I think can be most helpful in every community in the south.

If you are ever in this vicinity, please be sure to drop in to see me.

With kindest regards to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Carroll Brooke

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2901 Rockingham Dr. N.W.
Atlanta, Ga., 11/21/57

Mr. Harold Fleming, Ex. Dir.
Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming,

I have your kind letter of Nov. 19 - I shall be glad to serve in the capacity indicated in your letter.

You will be glad to know Mr. Wright made a very wonderful address in the meeting at noon, Monday. I do hope his address can be printed and widely circulated - I believe it would do good.

Sincerely yours,

R C Peters

PA

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JEROME K. CROSSMAN
PRESIDENT

WALTER ZIEGLER
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

November 21, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In response to yours of November 19, I shall be delighted to accept re-election to the Council's governing body and trust that I may be of service to the Council.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Jerome K. Crossman

Jerome K. Crossman

JKC:vr

PA

KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, INC.

Affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

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DR. G. D. WILSON
WILLIAM M. WOOD

November 22, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I don't know when I've felt more honored. It's a very great pleasure to accept election to the SRC board, and to feel a part of such a solid, courageous core of people. It's my impression that SRC generates a kind of nuclear energy of the spirit which eventually will solve the illness of apartheid in the South - I hope, too, in the North!

We're delighted with the idea of a possible employment opportunity workshop in Lexington in December. Hugh Brimm and Rabbi Rosenbloom are getting in touch with John Hope after talking with C.H. and Charlie Steel.

Galen called from the airport on his way to Kansas City. He seems much more hopeful of things in Knoxville, and from his Newsletter I gather he has reason to. I'm glad he stuck it out.

With best wishes to yourself and the other members of the staff, I'm

Cordially yours,

Dorcas

Dorcas Ruthenburg

PA

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
P. O. BOX 1326
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

RABBI
CHARLES MANTINBAND
808 MAMIE STREET

November 22, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Please assure the Southern Regional Council that I am complimented to be invited back into its membership. It is with pleasure and a deep sense of satisfaction that I accept.

Quite apart from the pleasure of meeting with kindred spirits and the contact with men and women over the South, who, holding ideals not unlike my own, have provided wholesome companionship, I find that I need the association with the parent body to give me the strength and courage to carry on. Once upon a time I was on intimate speaking terms with over a hundred citizens of Mississippi. Our common denominator and bond was "the New South". Now, with the possible exception of Bishop Brunini and Dr. James Ferguson of Millsaps, whom I visit with when I seek them out, the atmosphere in this state is such that one is afraid to be heard. All very pathetic.

My first task will be to be brought up to date on state doings, so that I may be better informed. I have had a siege of illness, and am not yet completely recovered, so that exactly what is taking place in Mississippi, if anything, is unknown to me.

Thanking you again, and reciprocating your good wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

C. Mantinband

Charles Mantinband

P. S. Will you please send me a list of the membership of the Southern Regional Council, for handy reference. Also any minutes or other material that will keep me posted

Send when ready.

PA + MF

The Methodist Church

"The Church with the Lighted Cross"

125 North Interlachen Avenue

P. O. BOX 825 - PHONE 4-8101 or 6-2461

Winter Park, Florida

Caxton Doggett, *Minister*

Mrs. Donald Michelson
Educational Assistant

Mrs. Paul Thorman
Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Dorothy Barnes
Church Secretary

Nov. 22, 1957

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Thanks for your letter notifying me of my election to the SRC Board. I'll be glad to serve and to help in any way I can. That is, if I'm allowed to continue my career in this part of the country. The segregation advocates are pretty good at putting the heat on ministers, as you well know.

MF - please pick up.

Will you please have your office staff correct my mailing address? I am no longer at 376 N. E. 90 St., Miami. Since last June ~~my address~~ has been:

PO Box 825, Winter Park, Florida

This is the seat of Rollins College and a fine place to work. I hope you may visit me here some day.

Sincerely,

Caxton

Caxton Doggett

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Knoxville College

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE BOARD OF AMERICAN MISSIONS
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

KNOXVILLE 16, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 22, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for notifying me of my election to membership on the governing body of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

I shall be glad to accept membership on the Council, and will do all within my power to promote the program of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Colston

James A. Colston
President

jac/mab

Nom. Committee

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2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas
November 23, 1957

Dr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Fleming:

Your most gracious letter, informing me of the action at the Annual Meeting in re-electing me as a member of the Council's governing body, was a happy surprise. Truly my friends at Southern Regional Council and association with the members of the Board has been a strength and inspiration to me and it will be a privilege to continue to work with you.

Kindest regards and my best wishes,

Sincerely

(Mrs. Jas.) Margaret B. Grate

PA

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405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tenn.
Nov. 23, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I am looking forward to working with the Board of the Council the next year and hope I can contribute something useful at the meetings as well as an occasional poem, letter or article in the printed media. As I wrote Fred Routh, I am a listener, reader, writer, not a speaker. But I admire those who are well-rounded.

We hope you and your family and friends will stop in to see us anytime you are in this vicinity. We are only a short distance from the Smoky Park, a good sixty miles from the firing line down in Clinton and Oak Ridge.

We leave this afternoon for a two-weeks' stay at the Hotel Royalton (44th St.) in N.Y., in connection with the publication of NBNW. We get up that way only about once every couple years.

Sincerely,

James Stokely

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BENJAMIN MUSE
Manassas, Virginia

November 25,1957

Mr.Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave.,N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr.Fleming:

Many thanks for your letter of November 19.

I shall be happy to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Muse

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PA

CHARLOTTE MEDICAL CLINIC
1012 KINGS DRIVE
CHARLOTTE 7, N. C.

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DAVID S. CITRON, M. D.
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CLINTON H. McKAY, M. D.
RAYMOND M. WHEELER, M. D.

November 25, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Thank you for your letter notifying me of election to the S.R.C. Board. I shall be delighted to accept and serve wherever I can. It may be difficult for me to be away from here the required amount of time during the first half of next year but after that I anticipate no difficulty in having the time available to work with you.

I will be looking forward to working with you during the next four years.

Cordially yours,

RMWheeler

Raymond M. Wheeler, M. D.

RMW/bl

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VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR, PRESIDENT
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 25, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I wish to accept your invitation to membership on the Southern Regional Council's Board. I know of the fine work of the Council and whatever I can do, let me know about it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel D. Proctor

Samuel D. Proctor
President

SDP:lyj

MEMBER UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

HODDING CARTER
EDITOR & PUBLISHER

JOHN T. GIBSON
GENERAL MANAGER

PA

The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

November 26, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I appreciate very much the action of the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council in re-electing me to the governing body. I hope that I will be able to be more active than I have been in the past.

The history of reconstruction that I have been working on for more than two years is close to being finished now. I hope that will give me a little more time for other outside activities.

Cordially,

Hodding Carter

Hodding Carter

HC:b

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA RALEIGH

November 26, 1957

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Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 16 inviting me to accept membership on the Council's governing body. I accept the invitation and will do whatever I can for the further promotion of its objectives.

Sincerely yours,

S. E. Duncan
State Supervisor
High Schools

SED/d

DAN C. WHITSETT
MINISTER

FRANK COLVARD
CHM. OFFICIAL BOARD

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First Methodist Church

PA

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

JOHN DRESSLER
MINISTER OF MUSIC

MRS. CLOYD SMITH
DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S WORK

ALFRED T. GAUT
FINANCE CHAIRMAN

SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

November 26, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I appreciate your letter of November 19, inviting me to become a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council. You have rendered a great service across the years, and of course it would be a pleasure to serve in any respect where the Board may feel that I could be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Dan

Dan C. Whitsett

DCW:C

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Life Membership Campaign

1207 West 28th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

November 26, 1957.

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue NE Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This brings my acceptance as a regular member of the Council's governing body for a four-year term. I feel most honored that I was considered for re-election. I will certainly be pleased to serve in any way that I can.

When this Little Rock school problem has been resolved and the city is permitted to return to its former peace and tranquility, I doubt that those of us who have been close to this problem will recall to much the words and deeds of the bigots and the misguided. Rather, I believe that we will remember most those fine persons like yourself, who spoke or wrote words of praise and encouragement. In our most trying hours these words were the sources of abiding strength and solace.

We work with the strong and continuing conviction that whatever is done tostrengthen any segment of our great nation will strengthen democracy both at home and abroad.

For your interest, we are deedply grateful.

Sincerely yours,
Daisy Bates
(Mrs.) L.C. Bates, President
Arkansas Conference NAACP

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 27, 1957

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I appreciated receiving your letter of November 20 in which you stated that the Board of Directors of Southern Regional Council had reelected me as a regular member of the Board and also reelected me to membership on the Executive Committee.

I appreciate the confidence which has been placed in me by the Board and I accept membership on the Board as well as on the Executive Committee.

I believe firmly in the policy, techniques and programs of the Southern Regional Council and therefore I am glad that I have been extended an opportunity to be of further service to the organization. Furthermore, it will be a pleasure for me to continue to have fellowship with you and your colleagues.

With every kind wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal
Dean

BRB:h

Board

November 27, 1957

Mr. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillc est and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

We are delighted to have your letter accepting membership on the Council.

I am sorry to hear, however, that the situation is so bleak in Little Rock. Ashmore was just here and, though discouraged, made a very good and helpful speech on The Subject at Emory University. I didn't get a chance to discuss with him the aspect of the Little Rock scene that you find so disturbing. Offhand, I know of no effective way to get that story told, but I will be alert to opportunities.

You probably know by now that the Fund for the Republic approved the additional $1,000 for ACHR's work in Little Rock. I hope that brings at least some temporary cheer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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Pulaski Heights Christian Church

Colbert S. Cartwright, Pastor

Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

November 21, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

It will be an honor and privilege to serve as a regular member of the Council's governing body.

Our state council is somewhat in the throes of despair... or maybe I should say, despondency. Apart from money problems, it is difficult to see very clearly what directions our program activities should take. Several of us had a couple of hours with Harry Ashmore to get his counsel in regard to program, and we were more discouraged after the conference.

I think what we are needing right now is further assessment of actually what our situation generally is in Arkansas, and then we can be better able to know what is possible and what is not. Ashmore thought work with the churches was the best hope, but we in the churches are not too encouraged about possibilities for program activities.

As far as the Little Rock school situation is concerned, I think things are still quite critical, and that there may still be serious moves to get the Negro pupils out of the high school. A move may come from the school board itself. The situation within the school itself is more serious than is generally realized. The school administration is doing nothing to create a spirit of acceptance among the pupils, and this policy is approved by civic leaders such as Ashmore.

There is a need for a national publication to print a story on exactly what the school officials are and are not doing in the way of community preparation for acceptance.

Pulaski Heights Christian Church

Colbert S. Cartwright, Pastor

Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

It would have to be written by someone from outside. The trouble is that any writer coming into Little Rock gets his line from Ashmore, who goes right along with the school superintendent.

Two Harvard sociologists spent three weeks here studying the situation, and came up with some pretty important findings. They generally saw the trouble as I have seen it. However they do not intend to write for popular consumption specificially on Little Rock.

Little Rock is far from being out of the woods, and it is not due by any means entirely to the governor.

We always appreciate your visits. Hope you can come our way before long.

Sincerely,

Bert

Colbert S. Cartwright

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WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
OF THE
BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

Baltimore Conf.
Nov. 29, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Wesley Memorial Bldg.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming, Thank you so much for your gracious letter of Nov. 19. I will be glad to serve on the Board of Trustees of Southern Regional Council for another period of four years. I believe in its work, and shall give as good service as possible to the furtherance of its program.

I shall anxiously await the outcome of the meeting scheduled for Dec. 9.

With every good wish for you in the very fine service you are rendering,

Sincerely,

(Mrs. E. H.) Ruth C. Robinson

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

30 November 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Your letter of November 19 was on my desk when I came home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

I appreciate the invitation to become a member of the Council's governing body, and I am happy to accept.

I talked with Jim Silver in Houston, and his reaction was what both you and I expected it to be. But his heart is with us and he will do the cause much good. Incidentally, he became very critically ill after returning to Mississippi, with pneumonia. He almost died, but is now on the way to recovery.

Sincerely,

Bell

Bell I. Wiley

James McBride Dabbs • Rip Raps Plantation • Mayesville, South Carolina

December 2, 1957

Mr. Paul Anthony, Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Paul:

I have today received from Colonel Miller sincere regrets that because of the pressure of other responsibilities he is unable to accept the honor of election to the board of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs.

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint
South of Promise
List of Board Members to date
Semi-annual Report - SRC

December 2, 1957

Mr. C. A. McKnight
Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Pete:

Our recent annual meeting gave a good deal of consideration to election of new members to the eighty-man governing body, which is in fact the Council. As one might expect, your name was high on the list, and I was given the pleasant assignment of inviting you to serve.

Since you are familiar with the Council, I won't burden you with a lot of detail. Enclosed are a few descriptive materials, including a list of the membership as it stands at the moment. I'll be glad to send any further information you might want.

We all admire the job you have done in Charlotte and as director of SERS. The Council will be fortunate if you feel you can accept membership. Speaking for myself, I can think of no one I would rather have in the policy-making group.

Let me make it clear that we haven't presumed to elect you without your prior agreement, but merely to ask you if you will serve. If you don't feel you can accept, that will be both the beginning and end of the matter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Nom. Committee

Enclosures: Congressional Record Reprint
South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Organizational Chart
New South, October, 1957

December 3, 1957

Mr. Paul Green
Chapel Hill,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Green:

We were deeply pleased to hear from Mr. Wright that you have agreed to accept membership on the governing body of the Southern Regional Council. We have long admired you both as a writer and as a forthright advocate of fairness and dignity of all people. The Council is honored and strengthened by your membership.

Enclosed are several pieces of material describing the background and activities of the Council. Please note that the list of members is not complete, pending acceptances from several persons recently invited to serve. If further information on any point would be helpful to you, please call on me for it.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. M. A. Wright
Enclosures.

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint
South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Organizational Chart

Non Commission

December 3, 1957

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

Mr. Marion Wright has told me of his conversation with you and of your taking the question of membership on the Southern Regional Council under consideration. I thought the enclosed materials might be helpful to you as you consider the invitation to membership.

Let me add to that of Mr. Wright's my own assurance that the Council would feel greatly honored and strengthened by your acceptance. Mr. Paul Green has agreed, through Mr. Wright, to serve. Your membership along with his and Mr. John Wheeler's would give North Carolina an exceedingly strong and able representation on the Council's governing body.

Whatever your decision may be, please know that you have our admiration and every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Enclosures.

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TELEPHONE PA 5-1311

December 3, 1957.

Mr. M.A. Wright, President,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
"Top Knot",
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

After thinking over the matter, I have come to the conclusion that I ought to accept the invitation to join up with the Southern Regional Council, Inc., as extended by you to me in person this week.

Thanking you and the others for this expression of confidence, I am

Yours sincerely,

Irving E. Carlyle

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DAN C. WHITSETT
MINISTER

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MRS. CLOYD SMITH
DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S WORK

ALFRED T. GAUT
FINANCE CHAIRMAN

SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

November 26, 1957

Mr. Harold C Fleming,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N. E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear Harold:

The other letter was accepting the invitation on the Board, and this is simply a personal request if it is convenient for your office to grant it.

I have been asked to write a chapter of a book to be put out by our Board of Social and Economic Relations. Since giving the first draft of the chapter, they have decided now to have a conservative minister present his view point. They would like for mine to be as liberal as possible, and then there will be the expression from a clergyman of the North, and a chapter on minority groups in the United States.

There are a few factual matters where your Board could greatly assist me if you have the data at hand.

1. Any answer to the criticism that the Supreme Court has made a political decision. I would like something to verify its place and authority.

2. To refute the argument that we had made great progress and have been set back a number of years. I would like to have a contrast of a few of the Southern States' schools, showing the latest figures of the differences on expenditures on education.

3. I think it is good to show that we were making progress, and I may be able to find somewhere in our material the decline of the lynchings and the number of cities which were beginning to put in policemen and use Negroes in governmental and educational boards and agencies.

4. If there are any more recent encouraging reports that you believe would be helpful to include, I would appreciate them being sent. For instance I notice a news report that the Tennessee Council of

Race Relations Improve
Bus
cc - Higher Education

Churches had recently gone on record upholding the Supreme Court decision and asking their people to help implement it in the Public Schools throughout the State. Likewise I think the statement from the 80 ministers in Atlanta is most encouraging.

Any other suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Dan

Dan C Whitsett

DCW:C

P.S. Could your Sec'y tell if she sealed the large envelope with scotch tape? 12¢ postage was due, I am sure because there was a personal letter with the minutes material. I would like to know if your Sec'y - your P.O. or my postmaster opened & sealed back the envelope. My local P.M. is my arch enemy, left the church, & feels that "Communism" must be fought - even to watching the mails carefully. You see I have cause to be suspicious of the dear brother.

Non-Comm.

December 5, 1957

Mrs. Austin L. Kimball
3131 S. W. 1st Avenue
Black Acres
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Kimball:

My warm thanks for your prompt response to our invitation to membership on the Council. Your sympathy for the Council's aims and your willingness to help are most gratifying to us.

I should have been clearer about the obligations which membership on the Council carries with it. Actually very little is required. The full Council meets only once a year, usually in the first half of November. Between annual meetings, policy responsibility are exercised by a 15-member executive committee composed of the officers and other members elected by the full council. Council members receive periodic reports on staff activities and any important interim actions taken by the executive committee. Occasionally the executive committee has circularized members of the Council inviting them to contribute, but there are no assessments or requests for anything other than voluntary contributions. Members may also be approached for advice on a matter about which they have special knowledge, for cooperation with the human relations councils and their respective states, or for entree for some influential person of their acquaintance. But, again, there is nothing obligatory about any of this, and no one is expected to undertake anything that would prove burdensome in terms of time and effort. Travel to the annual meetings and any other trips that may be made on behalf of the Council are at the expense of the organization.

In short, I am sure that there are no obligations involved in membership which you would not find it readily possible to meet. I hope that I may look forward to word of a favorable decision.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Mrs. Austin L. Kimball
3131 S. W. 1st Ave., Black Acres
Gainesville, Florida

11-29-57

Dear Mr. Fleming,

A quick "Yes" should be going to you because I am deeply touched and honored by the action of your Council. You know, of course that I am in accord with your aims, and while I found the material you sent very interesting, I did not need it for I have admired and applauded your actions from afar for a long time.

You did fail to tell me what is required of the members of your governing body and this I must

know before I can make up my mind.

Please tell me what is the maximum help you hope for from such a member as I might be- financial, program, travel and other. What is the minimum you would be satisfied to accept.

My freedom is limited by a number of factors and I can no longer carry the load I carried so long for the Y.W.C.A.

My commitment you can take for granted, and I am eager to help.

Yours faithfully,

Norma M. Kimball

(Mrs. Austin L.)

Wm. Comm

December 5, 1957

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

Thank you for your warmly welcome letter of December 4. We are deeply pleased that you have decided to accept membership in the Southern Regional Council, and I am personally hopeful that I will have the opportunity to meet and talk with you in the near future.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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TELEPHONE PA 5-1311

December 4, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Your letter of December 3, with enclosures, was received. On that same date, I wrote Mr. Wright that I had decided that I ought to accept the invitation and join up with the Council, as extended by him on Monday of this week. I am glad to know from your letter that both Paul Green and John Wheeler have agreed to serve, also.

I shall look forward with much interest to serving with you and the others.

Yours sincerely,

Irving Carlyle

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cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

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First Methodist Church

ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA

DUNCAN HUNTER
MINISTER

RES. ADAMS 4-2633

SEMMES AND GREEN
STREETS

BUS. ADAMS 4-3331

December 6, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter advising me of my re-election as a regular member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I can accept this election only with a mental reservation about my limitations in serving in this capacity. There are many more effective persons whom you could have chosen for this place. However, I appreciate the honor and the privilege of working with the other members of the committee and particularly with you and your staff.

I am sorry that I missed the annual meeting of the S.R.C. and am looking forward to reading the minutes of that business session.

Let me thank you for the good work you are doing in the field of human relations.

Sincerely yours,

Duncan

Duncan Hunter.

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THE MIAMI NEWS

WILLIAM C. BAGGS
EDITOR

December 6, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

We understand each other.

Sincerely,

William C. Baggs
Editor

Please return
MF
Nom Comm

December 2, 1957

Mr. William C. Baggs
Editor
THE MIAMI NEWS
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Baggs:

I am sorry for what appears to be a misunderstanding created by my letter of November 19. It was far from my purpose to announce that you had become a member of the Council's governing body -- obviously something that neither should nor could take place without your consent. The Council's action was solely to the effect that you be invited to serve, fully recognizing that you might have every good reason to decline. My letter was intended only to convey that invitation, in that spirit.

As you know, Fred's writing you informally in advance was an effort to find out whether even an invitation to membership would be appropriate. If your reply to Fred had reached us earlier, that would have been the end of the matter.

I have great respect for your feeling that membership in any fraternal, social or civic organization might interfere with your editorial judgment. But, as you know, few editors take that position, and we could only find out by asking.

Having admired what you have written on segregation and other subjects, none of us has any thought that you are anxious

to avoid controversy. We, in turn, are concerned that you not feel the Council was trying to take advantage of you or to force an unwelcome association upon you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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THE MIAMI NEWS

November 25, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I was surprised to receive a letter announcing I had become a member of the Council's governing body.

You can take another vote. I am not a member of the Council's governing body. I am not a member of any fraternal, social or civic organization and I hope I never will be. I have written a letter to Fred Routh explaining my position.

As possibly you may know, I try to say what I think insofar as this controversial problem of segration, which you gentlemen are trying to grapple with. I have spoken out on that many time.

It is not any reluctance to participate in Council affairs. It is rather the reluctance to associate myself with an organization, in any way, for this dilutes my ability to judge an organization, and I would feel that the Southern Regional Council would be very much in the news within the next 10 years.

I do add that this is a privilege, but not one that I seek, and I hope that you will understand. Whether you do or not, I decline this kind invitation.

Sincerely,

William C. Baggs
Editor

MEMORANDUM

To: GSM 12/7/56

From: GSA GSA

The Council in its annual meeting at Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 15, 1956, nominated the following persons for vacancies on the board:

1. Dr. Philip G. Davidson, President
   University of Louisville
   Louisville, Kentucky

2. Mr. Charles F. Steel, Executive Director
   Louisville Urban League
   Louisville, Kentucky

3. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Executive Director
   Atlanta Urban League
   239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
   Atlanta, Georgia

4. The Very Rev. Daniel J. Burke
   Albany
   Georgia

Alternate

Mr. John G. Pollard } declined 2/21/57
Somers, Virginia

Nominations to Nominating Committee

1. J. M. Richards, President
   Columbia, Theological Seminary
   Decatur, Georgia

2. B. E. Mays
   Morehouse College
   Atlanta, Georgia

3. Mr. C. G. Gomillion
   Tuskegee Institute,
   Alabama

December 9, 1957

Mr. Jerome Crossman
President
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

I was delighted to receive your letter accepting re-election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Your continued membership means a great deal to us.

I would greatly appreciate your advice on a matter that is before us. Among the persons newly proposed for membership at the recent Annual Meeting was Mr. Stanley Marcus of Dallas. Would you give me your view as to the appropriateness of asking Mr. Marcus to serve? If you feel that an invitation is appropriate, would you be willing to discuss the matter with Mr. Marcus prior to our writing him?

I will be guided by your advice on both questions and will be most grateful for your help.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 13, 1957

Dr. Merriman Cuninggim
Dean - Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

It is my pleasant duty to extend an invitation to you on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. It was the unanimous vote of our recent Annual Meeting that you be invited to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the board I should like to add my personal hope that we may have your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I deeply regret that it is not possible for me to come to Dallas to discuss this invitation with you. However, Mr. Jerome H. Crossman of Dallas has been a member of the Council since 1954 and I am sure he will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Other members of the Council from Texas are, Mrs. James S. Crate, Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Mr. Charles A. Shaw and Mr. J. Edwin Smith, all of Houston. Members elsewhere are also named on the list enclosed.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would

like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures.

Semi-annual Report - SRC, 1957
The South of Promise
Partial List of Board Members
Congressional Record Reprint - July 26, 1957
Organizational Chart, SRC

December 14, 1957

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

I greatly appreciated your kind letter of December 12, and of course I respect your reasons for feeling that you cannot accept another organizational position.

I reproach myself, however, for not being clearer about the reasons behind our invitation and the nature of Southern Regional Council membership. The full Council meets only once a year -- usually in November. Otherwise, there are no obligatory demands on the time or energy of the members. Policy responsibilities between annual meetings are exercised by the Executive Committee, the members of which are indicated on the enclosed list of Council membership.

The fact that you agreed to accept the presidency of the Tennessee Council was a major factor in our hope that you would become a member of the Southern Regional Council. Your leadership in that capacity is a very real service to the purposes of this Council.

I do hope you will reconsider the matter in the light of this belated information. And in any case, rest assured

that you have our deepest respect and appreciation for all that you do.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

List of bd. mbrs. with Ev. ctee indicated

The Christian Life Commission
OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
161 EIGHTH AVENUE, NORTH
NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

A. C. MILLER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 12, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Harold:

Your letter of November 19 pleased me very much. I am grateful for the honor extended me, yet I do not see how in the world I can accept it in sincere integrity. The work to which I am committed here is simply already beyond my ability to get it done. We have recently employed additional help, and even with her good help we are unable to catch up with the work that keeps pouring in upon us. We could employ other assistants but we would have to pay them, and that is where the rub comes.

I have not answered before this time because I wanted to give much thought to your kind offer to become a member of the governing body of your Council. I am afraid that I permitted the local people to elect me as the president of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations because of my great interest in the people that this Council seeks to help. I have not been able to do anything with that. I can hardly bring myself to accept another responsibility to which I know I can offer very little time and service.

As much as I regret to do so I think I am forced to ask you and the other members of the body to excuse me from this delightful opportunity and serious responsibility of serving as a member of your governing body. I assure you that I will do everything I can to advance the interests which we all hold dear in whatever way I can.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Miller

A. C. Miller

ACM/jn

December 16, 1957

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Bell:

We are delighted to have your acceptance of Council membership. I'm looking forward to our association and will be calling on you for advice as time goes on.

I was delighted to read in the New York Times of your appointment to the Civil War Centennial Commission. The South couldn't have better representation.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 16, 1957

Mr. C. A. McKnight
THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Pete:

I do understand, of course.

While I'm sorry you can't accept, I couldn't agree more that the job you're doing with the Observer comes first.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/smf

The Charlotte Observer

"THE FOREMOST NEWSPAPER OF THE CAROLINAS"

Charlotte, N. C.

December 9, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

I was complimented by your letter of December 2, but must decline service on the SRC governing body for two very good reasons:

1. I am already overbooked, and am neglecting some of the extra duties I agreed to accept;

2. I have assiduously avoided joining any organization that was active on either side of the integration issue. I have my own convictions, but I also feel that the effectiveness of The Observer's editorial page on this issue largely depends on its reputation for detachment and objectivity.

I know you will understand.

Cordially,

Pete

C. A. McKnight

December 16, 1957

Mrs. Austin L. Kimball,
3131 S. W. 1st Avenue,
Black Acres,
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Kimball:

Thanks for your very welcome letter of acceptance.

I hope I will have the pleasure of meeting you in the not-too-distant future.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Mrs. Austin L. Kimball
3131 S. W. 1st Ave., Black Acres
Gainesville, Florida
12-8-'57

Dear Mr. Fleming,

You make it sound so relaxing and pleasant. I guess I'll just have to accept the Council's invitation and hope I wont be quite as useless as you make me seem.

Seriously, I want to help just as much as I possibly can and am honored by your invitation.

Yours faithfully,
Norma M. Kimball

December 19, 1956

Dr. J. M. Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

System, red tape; efficiency!

Our streamlined By-Laws now provide that each outgoing Nominating Committee shall nominate three persons to the Nominating Committee for the coming year. The Nominating Committee gets completed by two appointments to it made at the instance of the Executive Committee.

I hope you can accept the chore of membership on this Nominating Committee, which the Board of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting at Williamsburg, November 14, 1956, elected you to. The other two elected were President Mays at Morehouse College and Dean Gomillion at Tuskegee Institute. I think it is of real importance for you to serve in this helpful way if you will.

The Nominating Committee has only the duty of meeting something more than a month before the 1957 Board meeting. It always meets in Atlanta. And it selects appropriate persons to be on the Board of Directors, to be officers of the Council, to be the Executive Committee, and to be on the new Nominating Committee. No great burden; it does however take most of an afternoon.

You have been generous of your time in this cause in the past. I am reluctant to ask you for more. But I think your wisdom ought to be tapped this time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Memo FROM THE DESK OF **FRED ROUTH**

20 December 57

Dear Harry, 'n all that....

Pursuant to your wishes I talked with the two prospective members of SRC's Board. In each case I left the suggested material with them and discussed the Council and Board members responsibilities. The results of these negotiations are: Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, accepted (on the spot). Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, studying the matter...likes SRC...is loaded with other responsibilities... wonders if this might lessen his effectiveness. Will advise us of his decision shortly.

FBR

December 31, 1957

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm
President
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

We are delighted to have your acceptance of re-election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council. Your cooperation and leadership have meant much to this movement over the years.

It was good to see you, however briefly, at the conference in New York recently. I hope the outcome of that discussion will be fruitful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Encl: N.Y. Times Reprint

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The Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama
FOUNDED IN 1874

H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM, PRESIDENT

December 19, 1957

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Incorporated
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, North East
Atlanta 3, Georgia

IN RE: Board Membership

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I apologize for this delay in dispatching this reply to your letter of authorized invitation for my membership-participation on the Board of the Southern Regional Council for the ensuing four-year term.

I appreciate this invitation and am pleased to indicate my acceptance of this appointment. I shall hope that I can be of some service.

Pleased to have seen you at the conference in New York City yesterday, I am

Yours very truly,

H. Councill Trenholm,
President

HCT:hed

✓ Reelection - recommended for

22 to be recommended for election!

SRC BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE NOVEMBER 1957

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I. Ex-Officio Members (State Representatives)

? 1.	Mrs. Nanie B. Aycox	N	Educator	Professor Texas Southern University Houston, Texas
✓ 2.	Mrs. L. C. Bates	N	Civic Leader	State President - NAACP Little Rock, Arkansas
✓ 3.	B. R. Brazeal	N	Educator	Academic Dean Morehouse College Atlanta, Georgia
✓ 4.	W. C. Brooke	W	Clergyman	The Episcopal Church Staunton, Virginia
✓ 5.	C. S. Cartwright	W	Clergyman	The Disciple of Christ Church Little Rock, Arkansas
✓ 6.	Mrs. James S. Crate	W	Church and Civic Leader	Houston, Texas
✓ 7.	Caxton Doggett	W	Clergyman	The Methodist Church Winter Park, Florida
? 8.	J. M. Ellison	N	Educator	Chancellor Virginia Union University Richmond, Virginia
✓ 9.	Duncan Hunter	W	Clergyman	The Methodist Church Alexander City, Alabama
? 10.	A. L. Kidd	N	Educator	Professor and Ass't. Dean Florida A. & M. University Tallahassee, Florida
✓ 11.	John R. Larkins	N	Welfare Executive	State Board of Charities & Social Welfare - Raleigh, N.C.
? 12.	Eugene P. McManus	W	Clergyman	The Catholic Church New Orleans, Louisiana
✓ 13.	A. C. Miller	W	Clergyman	Executive Director Christian Life Commission - Southern Baptist Convention Nashville, Tennessee

Ex-Officio Members (State Representatives) - continued

? 14.	E. C. Peters	W	Educator	Retired President - Paine College - Atlanta, Georgia
? 15.	Numa J. Rousseve	N	Businessman	New Orleans, Louisiana
✓ 16.	Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg	W	Newspaper-woman	Sunday Editor The Courier Journal Louisville, Kentucky
✓ 17.	Courtney Siceloff	W	Social Agency Executive	Director Penn Community Center Frogmore, South Carolina
✓ 18.	H. C. Trenholm	N	Educator	President Alabama State College Montgomery, Alabama
✓ 19.	Raymond Wheeler	W	Medical Doctor	Charlotte, North Carolina
? 20.	Mrs. Morris Young	N	Civic Leader	Anderson, South Carolina
? 21.	Whitney Young, Sr.	N	Educator	President Lincoln Institute Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

II. Regular Board Members

? 1.	Ulysses S. Bond	N	Planter	Madison, Arkansas
✓ 2.	I. H. Burney	N	Insurance Executive	Secretary - Afro American Life Insurance Company Jacksonville, Florida
✓ 3.	Hodding Carter	W	Editor	Delta-Democrat-Times Greenville, Mississippi
✓ 4.	Rufus E. Clement	N	Educator	President Atlanta University Atlanta, Georgia
? 5.	Rt. Rev. C. Clingman	W	Clergyman	Bishop - The Episcopal Church (Retired), Louisville, Ky.
✓ 6.	Jerome Crossman	W	Business-man	President Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation - Dallas, Tex.

Regular Board Members - continued

? 7.	S. Thomas Friedman	W	Social Worker	Houston, Texas
? 8.	Philip Hammer	W	Consultant Economist	Hamer and Company Atlanta, Georgia
✓ 9.	Guy B. Johnson	W	Educator	Professor of Sociology University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, North Carolina
✓ 10.	Z. A. Looby	N	Attorney	Nashville, Tennessee
✓ 11.	Benjamin E. Mays	N	Educator	President Morehouse College Atlanta, Georgia
? 12.	John McCann	W	Business-man	New Orleans, Louisiana
✓ 13.	L. D. Milton	N	Banker	President Citizens Trust Company Atlanta, Georgia
✓ 14.	A. G. Moron	N	Educator	President Hampton Institute Hampton, Virginia
✓ 15.	J. L. Reddix	N	Educator	President Jackson College Jackson, Mississippi
? 16.	Hollis Rinehart	W	Attorney	Member of State Board of Control Miami, Florida
✓ 17.	Mrs. E. U. Robinson	W	Church Leader	Gallatin, Tennessee
✓ 18.	Charles A. Shaw	N	Insurance Executive	President Watchtower Life Insurance Co. Houston, Texas
? 19.	Mrs. Tommie Stroud	W	Civic Leader	Waco, Texas
✓ 20.	John H. Wheeler	N	Attorney and Banker	President Mechanics & Farmers Bank Durham, North Carolina
✓ 21.	Miss Josephine Wilkins	W	Civic Leader	Atlanta, Georgia

Regular Board Members - continued

22.	Paul D. Williams	W	Business-man (Former President, SRC)	Richmond, Virginia
23.	Thomas W. Young	N	Publisher	President and General Manager The Journal and Guide Norfolk, Virginia

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August 28, 1957

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PERSONS SUGGESTED FOR SRC BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tennessee. Dept., Fine Arts, Vanderbilt

C.A. McKnight, Charlotte, N.C. Editor, Charlotte Observer

Philip Davidson, Louisville, Kentucky. President, University of Louisville

Francis Pickens Miller, Charlottesville, Virginia. Churchman, etc.

Paul Green, Chapel Hill, N.C. Playwright

Fred Darragh, Little Rock, Arkansas. Businessman

~~Merriam Campbell, Georgia. Lawyer~~

Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem, N.C. Lawyer

Riley B. Montgomery, Lexington, Kentucky. President, College of the Bible

Merrimon Cunningim, Dallas, Texas. Dean, School of Theology, SMU

William Faulkner, Oxford, Mississippi. Novelist

Benjamin Muse, Manassas, Virginia. Newspaperman and former Congressman

alt. Brown — Lambert Davis, Chapel Hill, N.C. Director U.N.C. Press

~~John B. Orr, Miami, Florida. State legislator~~

~~Winthrop Rockefeller, Winrock Farm, Arkansas. Farmer and industrialist~~

Henry Louttit, Orlando, Florida. Episcopal Bishop

~~R. P. Daniel, Petersburg, Virginia. President, Virginia State College~~

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, Atlanta, Georgia

Rabbi Emil Leipziger, New Orleans, Louisiana

Rabbi Chas. Mantinband, Hattiesburg, Miss.

William Baggs, Miami, Florida. Editor, Miami Daily News

Camille Gravel, New Orleans, Louisiana. Lawyer and Democratic Committeeman

~~Richard Trippeer, Memphis, Tennessee. President, Memphis Chamber of Commerce~~

~~(or widow)~~

James Stokely, Newport, Tennessee. Writer

~~Guy H. Wells, Atlanta, Georgia. Former president, GSCW~~

Edwin Dunnaway, Little Rock, Arkansas. Lawyer

~~Harold Kilpatrick, Austin, Texas. Director, Texas Council of Churches~~

~~Edward Driscoll, Atlanta, Georgia. Executive Secretary, Georgia Council of Churches~~

~~Dean Ferguson, Milsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi~~

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Contested as paras possible

NEW NOMINEES FOR BOARD

1.	William Baggs	Editor, MIAMI DAILY NEWS, P.O. Box 2410 Miami, Florida
2.	Irving Carlyle	Attorney - Winston Salem, N.C.
3.	C.A. ~~Rene~~ McKnight	Dean Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist Univ Dallas Tex.
4.	Merrimon CONNIGGIM ~~Cunningham~~	
5.	Dr. ~~William~~ Faulkner	~~Congregation Church of Park Manor~~ ~~7000 South Park Street~~ ~~Chicago 37,~~ Illinois
6.	Benjamin Muse	
7.	Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild	1589 Peachtree Road, N. W. Atlanta, Georgia
8.	James Stokley	405 Clifton Heights Newport, Tennessee
9.	Rabbi Charles Mantinband	808 Mamie Street Hattiesburg, Mississippi
10.	Fred Dannow	Pres - Danco Corp. (annual Feeds) Dannow Bldg. Supply Co.
11.	Stanley Marcus	
12.	Dan Whitsett	107 East Spring Street Sylacauga, Alabama
13.	Dr. E. C. Peters	2901 Rockingham Drive, N. W. Atlanta, Georgia Clergyman
14.	Dow Kirkpatrick	St. Marks Methodist Ch. Atl. Ga.
15.	Mrs. Austin Kimball	Gainesville, Florida
16.	Dr. James A. Colston	President, Knoxville College Knoxville, Tennessee
17.	Dr. Samuel Procter	President, Virginia Union Richmond, Virginia
18.	Bell R. Wiley	Prof History - Civil war Auth Emory University Emory University, Georgia
19.	Dr. Stephen Wright	President, Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee
20.	Francis Pickens Miller	Attorney - Author Charlottesville, Va.
21.	Walter Sharp	~~Cheekwood~~ Prof. of Fine Arts, Vanderbilt U. Nashville, Tennessee

Alternates:

22. Riley Montgomery — Attorney
23. Camille Gravel — Dem. Nat'l. Committeewoman from La. Alexandria, La.
24. Nelson Pointed — St. Petersburg, Florida — Ed - St. Petersburg Times, Fla.

NOMINEES FROM REGULAR BOARD MEMBERS - Class of 1957

1. I. H. Burney 4 — Jacksonville, Florida
2. Hodding Carter 5 — Greenville, Mississippi
3. Dr. Rufus E. Clement 7 — Atlanta, Georgia
4. Jermme Crossman 9 — Dallas, Texas
5. Guy B. Johnson 12 — Chapel Hill, North Carolina
6. Z. A. Looby 14 — Nashville, Tennessee
7. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays 15 — Atlanta, Georgia
8. L. D. Milton 17 — Atlanta, Georgia
9. J. L. Reddix 19 — Jackson, Mississippi
10. Mrs. E. U. Robinson 20 — Gallatin, Tennessee
11. Charles A. Shaw 22 — Houston, Texas
12. John H. Wheeler 25 — Durham, North Carolina
13. Miss Josephine Wilkins 27 — Atlanta, Georgia
14. Paul D. Williams 28 — Richmond, Virginia
15. Thomas W. Young 29 — Norfolk, Virginia

NOMINEES FROM FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVES

1. Mrs. L. C. Bates 1 — Little Rock, Arkansas
2. Dr. B. R. Brazeal 2 — Atlanta, Georgia
3. W. Carroll Brooke 3 — Staunton, Virginia
4. C. S. Cartwright 6 — Little Rock, Arkansas

5. Mrs. James S. Crate 8 Houston, Texas
6. Caxton Doggett 10 Winter Park, Florida
7. Duncan Hunter 11 Alexander City, Alabama
8. John R. Larkins 13 Raleigh, North Carolina
9. Dr. A. C. Miller 16 Nashville, Tennessee
10. Dr. E. C. Peters 18 Atlanta, Georgia (listed under new nominees)
11. Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg 21 Louisville, Kentucky
12. Courtney Siceloff 23 Frogmore, South Carolina
13. Dr. H. C. Trenholm 24 Montgomery, Alabama
14. Dr. Raymond Wheeler 26 Charlotte, North Carolina

*M. A. Wright	1945	
Bishop Charles Clingman	1945	
** Rufus E. Clement	1944	
** A. W. Dent	1944	
B. E. Mays	1944	
*Miss Josephine Wilkins	1944	
Mrs. Grace Hamilton	1944	
Gordon Hancock	1944	
Z. A. Looby	1944	
Miss Florence Sytz	1944	
J. L. Reddix	1944	
* Bishop E. A. Penick	1945	
** Paul Christopher	1949	
J. M. Ellison	1948	
* Guy B. Johnson	1951	
* H. C. Trenholm	1954	
** Phil Hammer	1954	
B. R. Brazeal	1953	
* Mrs. Myra J. Bryant	1956	
Charles G. Gomillion	1953	
** E. C. Peters	1956	
Thomas Young (favorable)	1953	
M. L. Harris	1955	

Occupations:

College Presidents	6
College Deans or Profs.	6
Bishops	2
Attorneys	2
Businessmen	2
Newspaper Publisher	1
Other	4
	23

Members on board 1944	9
Members '45 - '49	5
Members '50 - '55	7
Members '56 - '57	2
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* SCHW only

** SCHW et al.

Paul R. Christopher Served as Mx Labor Advisor to National War Labor Board War Production Board, War Manpower Commission and United States Department of Labor. Appointed by Governor Frank Clement to membership on State Citizens Advisory Committee to Tennessee Department of Public Welfare.

Rufus E. Clement Member of Advisory Commission of the United States Office of Education Survey on Higher Education for Negroes.

Rt. Rev. Charles Clingman Former Chairman, Department of Public Welfare, Birmingham and Jefferson County, Alabama.

M. L. Harris Member President's Mid-Century Conference on Children and Youth, 1950
Member, Mayor's Executive Committee, Little Rock, Arkansas
Member, Advisory Board on Teacher Education of State of Arkansas

E. A. Looby Member, Nashville City Council since 1951
Member, Charter Commission for Nashville Metropolitan City

B. E. Mays Member, National Committee of Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. Named "Alumnus of the year", University of Chicago Divinity School, 1949.

J. L. Reddix Served for number of years with Farm Security Administration, Washington, prior to becoming president of Jackson College in 1940.

H. C. Trenholm Mx Member, White House Conference, Child Health & Protection

~~Wright~~
M. A. Wright Served, by appointment of President Roosevelt, as a member of the Enemy Alien Board for South Carolina during W. W. II.

Wilkins

September 22, 1953

My dear Josephine:

The Librarian at Duke gladly accepted Lucy's offer of her papers, and I will ship them in a few days.

So your Committee responsibility is upon you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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NCCJ
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November 2, 1953

Dear Josephine:

We are all greatly indebted to you for attending the NCCJ luncheon as the Council's representative and even more for your interesting and perceptive report. We all share your views on NCCJ and only keep in touch with them because there are occasionally helpful and because they are one of the too few organizations which are pretending to do something along our line.

We will take care of any follow-up correspondence and will probably, as you suggest, bow out before getting much further involved. But it is of value to know what they are not doing.

I'm glad that the meal was good and gratis. I'd meant to say that SRC would take care of any expense, so if you had any, send us a notation and I'll send reimbursement.

The Council has again come to its "limping" days financially but we still hope that we can get through this year without any deficit. I have a feeling that would impress the Fund for the Republic men more than anything we could do.

We miss you down here but certainly are glad that you are finding life exciting up there. Do come to see us before too long.

The Stoney family in Washington is thriving. If you get down that way, stop by to see them.

Best wishes from all the SRC staff and thanks for all your help.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney

Wednesday 10-28-53

Dear Kack -

This is to report on the N.C.C.J. meeting yesterday.

It took place per schedule at the Waldorf, from 12:30 to around 3:00, and was attended by representatives of some seventy-five to a hundred national organizations and religious groups. Sumptuous food that must surely have cost around eight or ten dollars a place was served gratis.

It was an amazing meeting, vague, wordy, and ended up in the air where it began. This much I left with. The N.C.C.J.'s aspire to spear-head a farflung program of moral re-awakening, with "the communist menace" as the back-drop. They aspire, in some vague way, to gear the organizations of the nation into a study of our moral and spiritual resources, as compared with those of the communists, and into a survey of our application of them.

Under separate cover I am sending down the base pamphlet they have prepared toward this end. It was among the material I got from Miss Flexner and may have been sent her by you, in which case I am returning it. Am also sending a copy of the program of the meeting. Numerous changes in the wording of the statement on the second page were suggested and were accepted mostly without discussion. In the end, no one knew what it was,

AIR MAIL

not even the secretary, but she said it would be worked out from the recording of the meeting and corrected copies would be circulated.

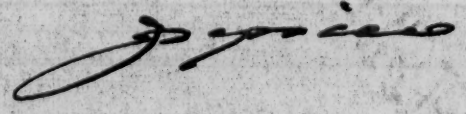
Except for the Loyal Order of Moose, no organizational commitments were made. The Moose representative, with great oratory, said he represented 1,250,000 member Moose and that he was authorized to pledge their full cooperation. (Incidentally, he referred to Dr. Clinchy as "a supernatural being." And my thoughts flashed to the relish with which this being, three seats down from me, had consumed an immense slice of roast beaf, apple pie with cheese, etc., etc. just a little while before.)

Finally, Dr. Clinchy was authorized to appoint an executive committee to "knit things together" and to get commitments from organizations as to cooperation and financial support. That done, the representative of the Salvation Army deplored the fact that he had heard God mentioned only twice during the meeting, and he cautioned that unless God's help were asked all their efforts would be fruitless. He was thereupon asked to pray, and the meeting then adjourned.

There will be follow-up correspondence and I am asking that it be sent to George. He will no doubt feel that the Council has neither time no inclination to get involved and will bow out of the picture in his accustomed gracious manner.

I am glad you asked me to attend. It was an experience! If we didn't do things better, we would never get anything done in the South.

Regards,



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OCT 27
Southern Regional Council

Sunday afternoon

Dear Kack -

How good it was to have word from you. About the N.C.C.J. meeting on Tuesday, I shall of course be glad to attend and value your having asked me. The organization is not one that I have been greatly enamored with over the years but I'll put down an oar for you as best I can and will let you have a report following the meeting. I have been in touch with Miss Flexner and we have handled the change in representation with the NC.C.J office.

This has been quite an experience up here. I wish I could bundle all of you up and have you share it with me.

The best of wishes -- and fingers kept crossed on the Ford matter!

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AIR MAIL

October 13, 1953

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Studio 3,
455 East 57th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Josephine:

About the middle of July Dr. Mitchell got a letter from a Mr. L. W. Douglas of Tucson, Arizona, inviting him as Executive Director of the Council, to attend a luncheon meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria being held by the N.C.C.J. This was to be a planning meeting for a conference to be held in Washington sometime this winter to deal with "Moral and Spiritual Recources for Brotherhood".

Since he could not be in New York at that time (and hardly thought it worth a trip just for that) Dr. Mitchell asked me to find from among our New York members some person who might represent us. We didn't know you would be there for so long a time, so didn't ask you, though we knew you'd be the perfect person. We chose Miss Carolin Flexner, one of Senator Lehman's assistants, got permission from Mr. Douglas for her to be our representative, and her promise to attend the meeting. Now we have a letter from her saying that, because of a serious injury to her knee, she will not be able to go to the luncheon.

You know all about these N.C.C.J. affairs. They need somebody there to make constructive suggestions and help to keep their feet on the ground. So, if you are to be in New York on that day - it's Tuesday, October 27th, could you attend as the SRC representative? We would be most grateful. Miss Flexner has all the information about the meeting and will be glad to send it to you. Just call her at her office (Phone Eldorado 5-1182) and she'll send it to you. And if you can let us know that you will go, we will inform Mr. Douglas of the change in people.

Many thanks for all you do for the Council. We rock along, so far without any real crisis.

I hope New York and the United Nations continue to be as exciting as they have been for you. Best wishes.

October 13, 1953

Miss Carolin A. Flexner
Suite 2704
41 East 57th Street,
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Flexner:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 8th, We are sorry that your injury will make it impossible for you to attend the luncheon as SRC's representative, but appreciate the time and energy you have given to us already.

I am writing today to Miss Josephine Wilkins, a member of the Council's Board of Directors, who is in New York for some time. I believe that if she is still in the city and can manage the time, she will be willing to represent us. I'll give her your address so she can get in touch with you and get the information you have.

With kindest regards, and the hope that your knee will soon be healed,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Write Josephine

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
41 EAST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

SUITE 2704
ELDORADO 5-1182

RECEIVED
OCT 9
Southern Regional Council

October 8th, 1953.

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

I hate to write you this letter, as I am not accustomed to backing out of pledges. However, I am in a bad spot. First of all, Senator Lehman has returned from Europe and I am swamped; secondly, I have had an injury to my knee which makes it difficult for me to get around, so that I just come to the office in a taxi, sit with my knee propped up all day and return home the same way, and remain there for the balance of the evening. How long this is going to last I cannot tell, and I feel that the Southern Regional Conference should really be represented at the meeting and that I, at this time, am too unreliable for you to be able to depend upon me.

When I originally accepted, I was fearful that my work might interfere, but I did not anticipate the additional difficulty with my knee.

I do hope that you will be able to get someone else to represent you and that you will understand my deep regret and chagrin at having to "walk out on you" at this time. If you will let me know who will represent you, I will be glad to pass on the material which Mr. Lewis W. Douglas sent me (and which I have been reading and enjoying). Would you at the same time be good enough to advise Mr. Douglas.

With kindest regards, and renewed regrets, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Carolin A. Flexner
Carolin A. Flexner
Assistant

September 16, 1953

Miss Carolin A. Flexner
41 East 57th Street,
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Flexner:

We are delighted that you can attend the October 27th luncheon meeting as representative of the Southern Regional Council. Certainly you know enough of the Council's objectives to represent us and I am sure that you, yourself, will have constructive suggestions for the plans for their proposed program.

As to a report, we would not expect any detailed account of the meeting but if you could write us about it briefly, that would be most helpful. We are mainly interested that the Council have some one of its members attend for us.

We do appreciate your taking time to attend and will count is a real service to SRC. I am sending you, under separate cover, some recent publications of the Council, just so you may have them on hand.

Our very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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HERBERT H. LEHMAN
41 EAST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

SUITE 2704
ELDORADO 5-1182

September 15th, 1953.

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Miss Stoney:

Upon my return from vacation on September 11th I found your letter of August 18th awaiting me.

I am highly honored by both Dr. Mitchell's suggestion and the acceptance of the Southern Regional Council to have me as their representative. I am, however, diffident because I do not feel myself sufficiently versed in the work of the Southern Regional Council to be of real value to you.

I have not yet talked with Mr. Kenny of the National Council of Christians and Jews, as I wished first to tell you of my reservations.

I am free on October 27th and therefore could attend the luncheon meeting. However, if you would want a detailed report from me, you know I am sure, that I am a rather busy person and as Senator Lehman's assistant in charge of his New York Office, I cannot get involved in organizations which will take much of my time from this office.

After receiving this letter, if you will let me know your reactions to my reservations, I will understand your decision if it is to choose a representative who may be more adequate than I from the standpoint of interpreting your program.

Very sincerely yours,

Carolin A. Flexner

Carolin A. Flexner
Assistant

August 18, 1953

Miss Caroline Flexner
70 East 96th Street,
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Miss Flexner:

Sometime ago Dr. Mitchell received a letter from Mr. Lewis Douglas of Tuscon, Arizona, who is heading a special project for the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The NCCJ is giving special emphasis during the coming months to a study of "Our Moral and Spiritual Resources". They are proposing to have a conference sometime late in the year to be held in Washington and to deal with this subject.

On October 27th they are asking representatives of various organizations to meet for lunch at the Waldorf-Astoria and make plans for this Washington conference. The letter to Dr. Mitchell was an invitation for the Council to send a representative. Since it will not be possible for Dr. Mitchell to be present, he has suggested that we ask you to be our representative, which suggestion they have accepted.

Would it be possible for you to attend this luncheon meeting on October 27th as representative of the Southern Regional Council? Mr. Dumont F. Kenny, National Program Director for NCCJ who is at their offices on Fourth Avenue, (telephone MUrray Hill 9-4720) could tell you more about it as to time, length of meeting and other plans. If you can attend will you please let him know so that a reservation will be made.

We shall be most grateful if you can find it possible to attend for the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I should like to acknowledge your letter of July 29th to Mr. Lewis Douglas relative to the October 27th luncheon to plan for a Washington Conference on Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for Brotherhood.

Mr. Douglas has asked me to inform you that he would be very glad to have Miss Caroline Flexner represent the Southern Regional Council at that meeting. Would you kindly ask Miss Flexner to notify me whether her schedule permits attendance? Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dumont F. Kenny
National Program Director

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July 29, 1953

Mr. L. W. Douglas
Southern Arizona Bank & Trust Bldg.
Tucson, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

I am extremely grateful for your most kind invitation of July 17 to be present at a luncheon on October 27, 1953, at the Waldorf-Astoria to help with the preparations for a Washington conference on Moral and Spiritual Resources for Brotherhood.

I regret that it will not be possible for me to be in New York on that day.

If a deputy would serve to represent the Southern Regional Council, I would name Miss Caroline Flexner, 70 East 96th Street, New York 28, who is a longtime member of the Council and knows our program pretty well.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 21, 1954

Miss Josephine Wilkins
3 Mitchell Place
New York 17, New York

Dear Josephine:

Many thanks for the letter in re "Hot Zig!"

Clips will help us. We have a lot but need more.

So right that you wrote to Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Warren and Mr. White.

Come back as soon as you can.

I don't like the looks of things in Georgia. The Governor is acting up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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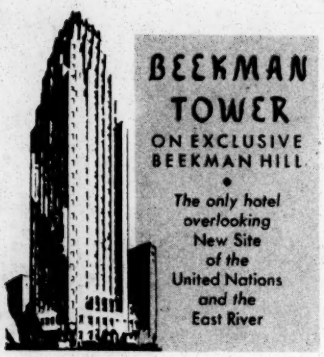

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May 18, 1954

Dear George and Harold -

These letters to the Court and to the President may be in appropriate and at the same time of no moment whatsoever, still I had to send them.

I've been amused at myself since the decision came. There has been a marked drawing your way and a certain feeling of frustration over not being there -- like a cooped race horse when the gong has struck. I can feel the bustle and excitement all the way up here. But underlying is the sobering realization that my section is in trouble -- and somehow it seems I ought to be on hand. I suppose the psychiatrists would call it -- the mother instinct!

In the manner of Street Scenes ..... Woman, rather dowdy (evidently from the South!), wandering up First Avenue and stopping in each newsstand in search

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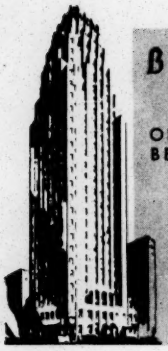
of a New York Times of May 18. Over heard from one news vender after the other: "No, lady -- no Times.....Soma body coma in an boughta me out -- clean out.....Musa be soma news in it."

It seemed significant -- I kept on getting it. It would be "boughta twenty-seven" or "boughta thirty-two", but always it would be "boughta me out," until finally I was able to locate one little copy over on Third Avenue. As you probably know, New York is now on day light saving time. That probably accounts for the fact that none of the papers here played the decision yesterday. The exception was the Daily News (tabloid) which carried an appealing picture on the cover of its late addition and featured the story. Consequently, the Times followed this morning with a streamer and played the story in full. I have most of todays papers and will get others as they come along. Would you like me to extract the clippings and send them along? Let me know by the enclosed card.

The best you always -

Jessica



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May 18, 1954

The Chief Justice
The Supreme Court
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It may well be inappropriate to communicate with the Court regarding a decision handed down by it, I do not know.

Nevertheless, as a life-long Southerner -- I am in New York from Georgia only momentarily -- I feel compelled to express my deep gratification over the decision on segregation rendered yesterday. I want as well to pay tribute to the Court's profound wisdom in providing a time lapse before the final decree, and for inviting the South itself to help in charting a course of orderly transition.

Respectfully yours,

Josephine Wilkins

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May 18, 1954

President Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Though well aware of the separation of the branches of government under our system, I follow the common pattern of associating a major national event with the Presidential administration during which it accurs.

Consequently, as a life-long Southerner -- I am in New York from Georgia only momentarily -- I wish to express to you my deep gratification over the momentous decision on segregation rendered yesterday by The Supreme Court. I want as well to pay tribute to the Court's profound wisdom in providing a time lapse before the final decree, and for inviting the South itself to help in charting a course of orderly transition.

I feel that this expression to you is in a sense appropriate since the current head of the Court is an appointee of yours.

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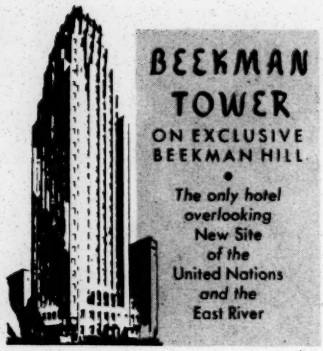

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May 18, 1954

Mr. Walter White, President
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

I want to pay tribute to the NAACP for its long-time efforts which culminated yesterday in that momentous decision on segregation. And as a life long Southerner I wish to express my gratitude.

In your city for a short stay, I feel a certain frustration over being away from Georgia during such a moment as this. Seemingly, it is there that the battle line is being drawn.

It was good to see you at the United Nations, even though briefly, when I was here last.

Sincerely yours,

Josephine Wilkins

June 21, 1954

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

We have got space problems, which raise matters of the files of the Georgia Citizens' Fact-Finding Committee. The present plan is to knock out some partitions in our existing space, and make more of it useable. We think that means renting a single additional room in the building at about $25.00 a month, and putting in that room some files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation.

New space would take your files. We would plan to move them into such new space and want your advice and approval. As it involves a cash outlay, could we charge Josephine Wilkins and/or the surviving balance of the Fact-Finding Committee $8.00 a month? It seems heartless, but we don't know how otherwise to be businesslike.

Decision not immediate -- but within a couple of weeks.

If there is somewhere else for the files to go safely and protectively, let me know and we will get them transferred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 29, 1954

Dictated July 28

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Beekman Tower Hotel
New York City

Dear Josephine:

We sent the original of this to Athens and suppose it did not reach you. We are going through with changes in space arrangements and would appreciate word as to what to do about the files. I really doubt if we would have to rent an extra room were it not for your files, so if you can find a better disposition that would be best all around. But we will be flexible and can keep your files for some weeks yet, one place or another. And if need be, the extra space could be rented.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 15, 1954

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

You were there when they elected you to the Executive Committee -- just where you belong! So please write us that it is all right.

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

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to Mr. George Mitchell

Office of the President
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

December 22, 1955

Mr. Cary T. Peebles
Administrative Secretary
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Peebles:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of Dr. Moron's check for $25.00 as his contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

We appreciate this response and we are delighted to have the check.

Sincerely yours,

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January 4, 1956

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moron:

How deeply grateful we are to you for sending in that goodly sum to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 4, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 South Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

I think you and I must have been brought up a ~~little~~ alike. They taught me if I had accepted an obligation, to perform under it pronto.

Admiration and appreciation together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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January 5, 1959

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

How very grateful we are to you for sending in that goodly sum to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. G. W. Mitchell

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ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
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December 24, 1955

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Mr. J. H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your check for $50.00 as your contribution to the Southern Regional Council. We deeply appreciate this evidence of your support.

With kind regards and with the Season's Greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for the very readable and informative report on the Council's work.

Copy of the Tuskegee Race Relations Report for 1955 was sent to your office a few days ago.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Foster
President

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HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 403, 63 Auburn Avenue., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:-

I'll be in Atlanta on Jan 23 for a speech at noon before the Hadassah and I'll call you.

Hope you are well.

Sincerely
Harry
Harry L. Golden

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MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1956

Freedom Is A Gift To Man, But Not From Governments

In many public speeches nowadays, there is a recrurring theme: One of the greatest needs of the American people is to get back to the basic constitutional principles on which this country was founded.

Even Toynbee will concur in this, for one of his theses is that every great nation has such basic principles, or as he expresses it, a mission. As long as a nation holds to that mission, it will be great; but, when it deserts its fundamental principles, it goes into a decline.

The most familiar example to most of us is the Hebrew nation. The ancient Jews believed that God was their ruler and that their kings were only God's deputies.

Remember the Sunday school lesson about how King Saul consulted the witch of Endor instead of putting his faith in God? Thus deserting the fundamental principle of the Jewish nation, he lost the battle, lost his life, and almost ruined his country.

Examples might be multiplied. That the United States has strayed away from its basic principles in recent years can hardly be doubted. Yet, when an effort is made to define the violations of constitutional principles, an argument always ensues.

Some will contend vehemently that the general welfare and interstate commerce clauses have been so distorted that the door was opened wide for the entrance of Fabian socialism. Others contend that what enters the door is not socialism, and so we get embroiled in another debate about definitions.

Some will defy you to show them a clause in the Constitution empowering the government to collect taxes from the American people and give the money to a foreign government. Opponents of this view say that is getting technical with national safety.

The shameful abuse of the Fifth Amendment is cited by some as an abandonment of the spirit of the Constitution and taking advantage of its technicalities.

And not a few of us are jealous of the right of dissent for ourselves but are not so scrupulous about allowing it to those who disagree with us. We are not really believers in justice, freedom, and fair play until we are ready to defend them for our worst enemy.

The most fundamental of all these principles, however, is our doctrine that these rights and freedoms are not bestowed by any man-made government but are the gift of God, and are, therefore, above and beyond the power of any mortal government to give them or to take them away.

As long as we cling to these principles, we shall be a great nation. When we give them up, or any part of them, our decline is certain.

A Play By Any Other Name . . .

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WESTBROOK PEGLER REMINISCES

Ah, Those Were The Days

NEW YORK — Quite a long time ago, when I was doing the fights in the era of wonderful nonsense, a fellow named Humbert Fugazy came out of Brooklyn and ran a big show that drew, oh I don't know, maybe half-a-million dollars.

You will hear people say that the good old days are overrated but don't you believe it. In the good old days you could throw a couple of muscle-bound welterweights into the Garden and draw more money just off the streets than a heavyweight championship draws today.

I REMEMBER WHEN Gene Fowler was running The Morning Telegraph and they were stuck with a terrible turkey at the Garden and Tex Rickard phoned him and asked him to do a pal a favor and Gene got Ring Lardner, Lois Long of The New Yorker, Ben Hecht, Charlie MacArthur, Winchell, and Lew Cody, the movie actor, to cover the training and the fight itself, which was nicknamed The Battle of the Aeon.

Lardner was to do the blow-by-blow but, as it turned out, just did the blow, period. One guy walked out and busted the other guy bang on the snoot and left him for dead.

Lardner wrote that they went into a clinch and one guy said, "Listen, I have got a good story. Stop me if you have heard it." He wrote, "He had and he did." That was the entire lead story on the battle of the Aeon.

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So don't let anybody tell you the good old days were not good old days. Can you imagine a metropolitan paper today with 25 reporters and no city editor, no assignment book, no copyreaders?

Hecht and MacArthur worked for fun. Lardner got $500 a week. Everybody might decide to cover the same bum's training at Stillman's or MacLevy's and we would all walk in together and then walk back to the old car barn, where The Morning Telegraph was printed and the salubrious reek of horses from the dden days still pervaded the plant, and do our pieces.

Ed Bradley, the gambler who owned the big Kentucky stable, used to say, over and over for years, that his doctor had advised him to get around horses because their fragrance was the only thing that would cure something that ailed him. He got better so he always lived around horses until at a ripe old age he died of something else.

On hot summer nights at the Car barn, Fowler would throw back his head, shut his eyes and sniff—"ah, horses!"

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WELL, HUMBERT FUGAZY somehow never could hit another lick. He made a lot of money on his one big show, but Rickard had the big store and most of the managers liked to do business with him. So Fugazy dropped down and down until he was promoting things between nasty little flyweights and bantams over in Flatbush.

But he was always the optimist, always planning stupendous projects and he had a friend, an architect who couldn't throw anything but ace-deuce, and this character would draw plans and sketches of super-colossal amphitheatres which Humbert would carry around to the sport departments like Ben Franklin's long loaf of bread.

One night in Flatbush during Prohibition, Humbert was buying needle-beer in a back room with a big table and, inevitably, he fell into the old groove about the newest version of his castle in the air.

There was a puddle of beer-sweat on the table and Humbert drew a streak with his forefinger and said, "Now this is the yacht-basin where our rich club-members from Palm Beach can moor inside the building and take an elevator to the ringside without any contact with the riffraff.

"And this here is the landing field on the roof and over here," dipping his finger in more beer-sweat, "is the golf course with the polo field off here and the hotel quarters here, with the siding for the private railroad cars underneath."

ABOUT THEN THE bartender came up, gathered the steins in one big paw and swabbed the table clean.

Little Jack Sharkey squawked, "Hey, look what you done!"

"Never mind," Humbert said. "Bring six more beers." And when they were served he dipped his finger again and resumed, "now off here—"

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The nearest character to Humbert in all the years since is Bill Zeckendorf, who has been going to build an office-building 2,500 stories high on the site of Grand Central and a dream-city called "Palace of Progress" at Penn Station with Billy Rose handling the choral effects and Joe E. Lewis writing the gags.

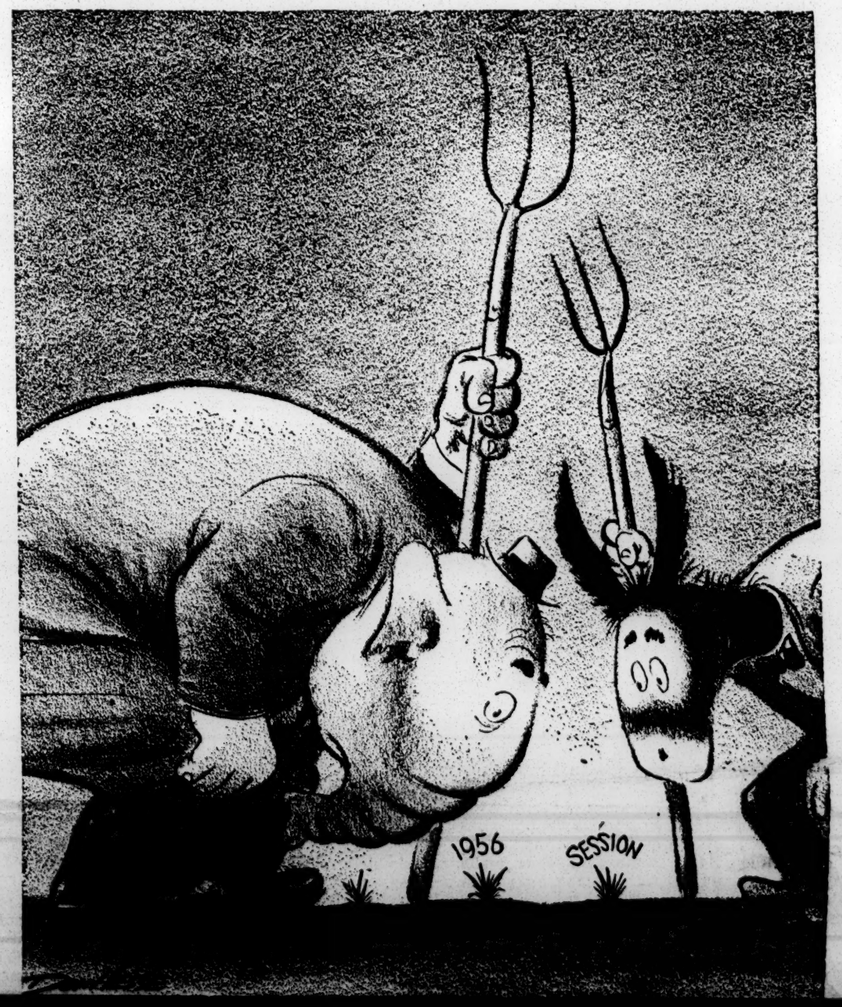
The Penn Station project is to be six miles square and things were just about to occur when the darn bartender came along with that swab and Bill had to start over.

This time, he is going to give us a real innovation, an inverted skyscraper 6,000 stories down into the earth, not counting the steeple, which goes 1,800 feet deeper.

THE ONLY HITCH in the Central plan is the jet elevators. Those darn fools in the aviation industry can't make a jet that will stop at your floor. But just give Bill Zeckendorf time.

In the midst of all this, Bill shoved everything onto the floor and announced a truly gigantic concept. He is going to double-deck the State of Texas, but here comes that darn bartender with his rag again.

Checking The Crop For Political Hay



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This is a literary whodunit of the first water. Shakespeare's detractors say he was something of a buffoon, a man with neither the capacity nor the sensitivity to write the most imperishable literature of his or any other age.

The Bard's defenders dispute this. They point out, too, that most of the plays were written after Marlowe's death in a tavern brawl in 1593. All this talk about the death being a hoax to protect Marlowe from a heresy trial is a hoax itself, they contend.

There are those who assign the plays to as many as 20 others. Francis Bacon usually is the frontrunner in this secondary sweepstakes. He was the particular favorite of Mark Twain for the honor.

And so, in the interest of the record, the grave crew will dig in to see if Sir Thomas took conclusive evidence to his final resting place.

This seems from here a distasteful little piece of unnecessary business. If documents are not found, certainly nothing is settled. If they are found, little is likely to be settled either. The partisans of Marlowe and the defenders of Shakespeare are not going to throw in the towel whatever comes or does not come from the grave.

Most literary Britons are siding with 'ole Will. And they agree with the sentiments of a writer for London's Daily Telegraph who summed up the whole works thus:

"There's no mystery connected with the authorship of William Shakespeare's plays except the mentality of those who find one."

Call it an apt conclusion.

Behind The Irony Curtain, No Fun

Extreme partisans are usually blind to their own absurdities. Since Communists are the most extreme of all partisans, they are also the blindest and the most absurd.

In East Berlin they organized a demonstration against the four-power rule of the city. Their purpose was to show the world that Berlin is now an East German city, and, East Germany being in Communist parlance an "independent" country, all "foreign" officials and missions must get out of the city.

The slogan for the demonstration was "against militarism and the aggressive NATO policy."

A large number of the marchers who shouted this peace slogan were carrying carbines and submachine guns in open violation of the agreements among the four ruling powers forbidding semi-military organizations and the arming of civilians.

The chief figure in the reviewing stand, at stiff salute as the armed civilians marched by shouting their peace slogan, was Premier Grotewohl of East Germany.

Marx didn't make room for a sense of humor.

The Glitter Is Properly Golden

If time has any significance for Harry Golden Sr. it is strictly a casual significance, imposed by lesser men with more impulsive watches.

Golden is mostly timeless.

As an unhurried editor-publisher of a fabulous personal journal (The Carolina Israelite) Harry seems largely unmoved by the frantic demands of a split-second sort of culture in a run-dash-jump sort of age.

We remember, being rememberers, the year that Golden came forth with the November issue of his journalistic diary along about January Tenth.

"This one's a little late," he explained in a footnote. "I forgot to take the copy down to the printers."

Currently though, Golden is previous. In the first of his '56 offerings Harry includes an explanatory note:

The paper was ready for distribution on the 21st of December. He held it up until after the holiday season. Didn't want to distract any readers from a full perusal of their Christmas cards.

It is clearly (what else?) a gesture neatly contrived. Still, given our druthers, we'd be tempted to chose the impish pose and poise of the erudite Mr. Golden over some of the colder sages.

Harry Golden Sr. is many things to many men—

A philosopher concerned with the subtler shadows of spotlighted truth.

An intellectual showman with a proper appreciation for non-intellectual showoffs.

A gifted man with gifts for his flock, reserving to himself the secretmost pleasures.

A fraud in the eyes of his enemies; a giant in the hearts of his friends.

We shed no tear of apology for Harry Golden Sr. In the real dark night of his soul it may possibly be, as Scott Fitzgerald alleged, three o'clock in the morning. In the warming glow of his outward charm, it's always high noon.

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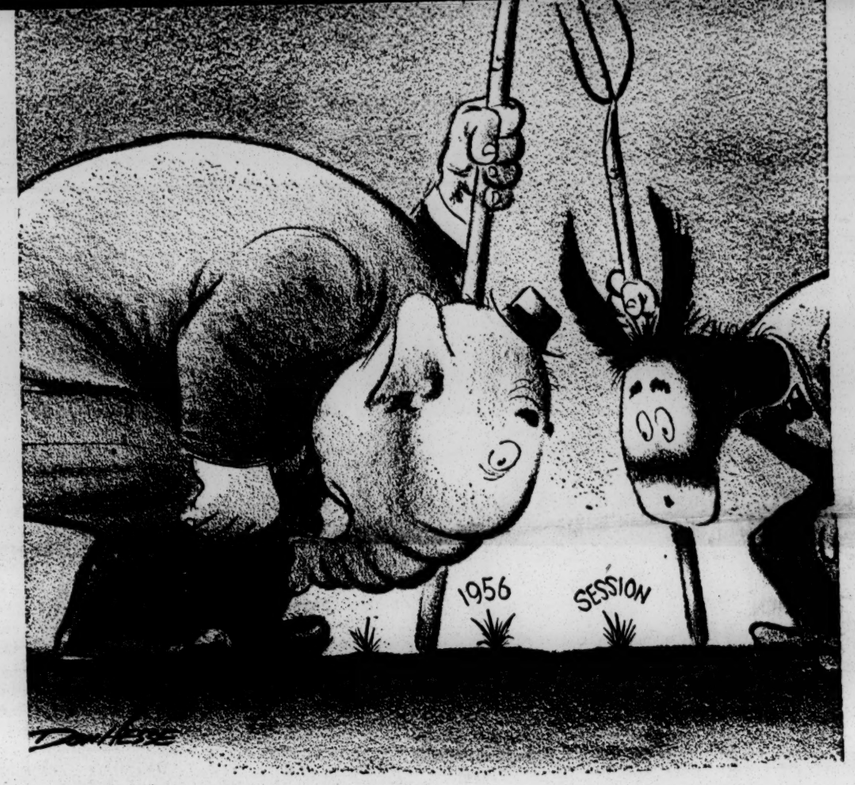
on his one big show, but Rickard had the big store and most of the managers liked to do business with him. So Fugazy dropped down and down until he was promoting things between nasty little flyweights and bantams over in Flatbush.

But he was always the optimist, always planning stupendous projects and he had a friend, an architect who couldn't throw anything but ace-deuce, and this character would draw plans and sketches of super-colossal amphitheatres which Humbert would carry around to the sport departments like Ben Franklin's long loaf of bread.

One night in Flatbush during Prohibition, Humbert was buying needle-beer in a back room with a big table and, inevitably, he fell into the old groove about the newest version of his castle in the air.

There was a puddle of beer-sweat on the table and Humbert drew a streak with his forefinger and said, "Now this is the



GEORGE SOKOLSKY

Self Seems Silly With Death Close

NEW YORK — They tell me that when one has had a coronary, one should rest body and mind and everything.

Sokolsky

That may be a good rule, but an impossible one because a man is not a vegetable and the mind does work. Even if nothing has registered in the mind, if there are no little tabs that poke out to jog the memory, the mind nevertheless does work on.

IT CAN, OF COURSE, be deadened by narcotics, but the mind and memory of man will find a way through the most deadening poisons to express a thought, or what one imagines is a thought.

For that is the difference between a man and a vegetable: Man must think, even the least and dumbest of men must think.

It is possible so to narcotize the mind that one is groggy nearly all the time and it is now possible to brain-wash the mind, so that everything is taken out of it and something new put in it.

I wonder! I lie here and wonder how much has really been washed out of the mind of Cardinal Mindszenty. It would be important to know.

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IT IS AN EXPERIENCE to lie here, not too far removed from death itself. It is all right now, I am told. The worst may be over.

They are very cagey, these doctors. They do not say that the worst is over; it may be over. They cannot tell. Naturally no one can tell, and does it really matter.

Carlyle, whom I am trying to read in this heavily sedated atmosphere, says this in his Essay on Burns:

"FOR WILL NOT our own age, one day, be an ancient one; and have as quaint a costume as the rest; . . ."

There is so much humility in this wisdom, and if the fault of our period is to be discovered, it will be that humility has flown from us as a thing unwanted.

What we call democracy has turned out to be a terrific struggle, among sometimes the least worthy, to discover who is the big shot.

Men project themselves for high office who, were they at all affected by their consciences, would, in humility, regard even the mention of their names in such a connection as ridicule of them.

When one comes close to death, the exaggerations of self seem too silly. So, everybody knows you. So, everybody recognizes you. So, when you go into a restaurant, you get a table. You might even get credit in a bank. But what of credit with God?

THAT AWFUL MOMENT when it is a sort of yes or no, what is the answer? And how helpless can you be — utterly, completely helpless. And the strange men come and put you on a stretcher and you are captive. From then on, you are captive.

What you eat, what you do, even when you wash yourself, is decided by someone else. You ask for something you like and it exceeds the calories allowed.

You are a machine out of order, being repaired because you did not altogether collapse. And will the repair last and only give you a respite?

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Naturally, when I ask questions about myself, I am also asking about Ike and this I can say with a sense of thorough truthfulness: such matters as life and death, a strong heart or weak heart, as coronaries that blow like fuses are in the hands of God.

The research on the heart has gone quite a distance and that that is so, I can attest by the lines which I pen in a hospital bed in longhand, although I may not move unassisted.

I CAN DO THIS little each day as Ike can paint each day. But no man, no doctor knows for sure why these things happen and if happening once, they will ever occur again.

To make a fetish of a coronary is like refusing to use an automobile because a tire has had a blow-out. There may never be another blow-out. Also, one might get better tires — that is live a less irritating life.

Politics in our age must be irritating because it is not pretty. The men are small. The ways are vulgar. Honor, respect, probity seem to have disappeared.

But there have been other eras like this and they are corrected as men regain humility and turn again to God and God's law.

So we must walk through the mud until we reach the hard gravel that leads up the mountain — to its top where the light is clear and small things are small and greatness is great.

THE OBSERVER FORUM

No White-Bean Soup Here? Land Sakes, What A Shame

It has, for some time, appeared passing strange to me that scarcely nowhere in Charlotte can one find old fashioned, made-with-white-beans "bean soup."

NOW, AS A NATIVE Southerner, I'm unwilling to believe that northern cooking can compare with the renowned cuisine of the Southland. Neverthless, I am perplexed that my favorite soup seems more available in Yankeeland.

I've enjoyed white bean soup in Baltimore, Washington, Omaha, Chicago, Akron, but never a morsel in Charlotte.

DON'T TELL ME to move north—I like it here. Just tell me please where, for about a quarter, I can purchase a medium serving.

ROBERT H. HOOD

Charlotte.

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The Same Goat, Still Reeking

Your version: "Why reeks the Goat on yonder hill, That seems to dote on Chlorophyll?"

That ain't the way I heard it. My version: "The stinking goat on yonder hill, Spends all his time eating Chlorophyll."

Your story on this was copied by The Dothan Eagle.

E. G. GRIFFIN

Dothan, Ala.

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A Word, Now, For Mr. Hoose

The newspaper account of the City Council meeting last week indicated that Mr. Herman Hoose, City Traffic Engineer, was subject to strong criticism by those opposed to the parking ban on Providence Road.

IT OCCURRED to me that all too often our public employees are targets for "brick bats" but still don't receive any justified "bouquets".

As a private citizen, I would like to commend Mr. Hoose on the conscientious and business-like manner in which he has tackled the problem of improving the traffic flow in our city.

Of course, we still have traffic problems, but when I consider how the number of auto registrations have increased in Mecklenburg County during the past six years, I shudder to think what our traffic conditions would be like if Mr. Hoose had not been employed.

SO, I SAY "thank you, Mr. Hoose", for the excellent job you have done and are continuing to do. I am confident this expresses the feeling of a large majority of our citizens.

S. RUSSEL MICKLE

Charlotte.

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Party Labels Meaningless?

A naive suffragette, writing recently in your columns, exhorted all voters to choose their political party from conviction; and, thereafter vote steadfastly accordingly. This profound advice seems based on neither reasoning nor common-sense.

PARTY LABELS provide the flimsiest of clues to the character of a candidate.

Sen. Morse of Oregon gets himself elected as a Republican; and before his constituents can catch a salmon becomes a Democrat.

Others, such as Humphrey of Minn., Lehmann (N.Y.), Douglass (Ill.) and Williams of Mich. call themselves Democrats, while acting like members of a radical union-labor party.

Conversely, Langer of N. D. and Case of N. J. call themselves Republicans, with nothing to distinguish them from these same Democrats.

On the other hand, we have many Democrats, such as Byrd, George, Byrnes, Russell, Thurmond and Lausche, who have nothing in common with the above mentioned politicians.

With Lausche and Byrd heading our 1956 Democratic ticket against a Republican one of Warren and Stassen (Eisenhower not running), reasons for Independents to vote as Democrats become obvious. But, if any of the raucous quartette of Harriman, Stevenson, Kefauver and Truman whose barbershop refrains of "Sweet Add-a-lie," directed by C.I.O. Reuther to lure the gullible with promises of something for nothing — become our Democratic nominees, no choice except that of opposition can be made by Republicans or Democrats holding welfare of nation above that of party.

DIRECTLY CONTRARY to the advice of your lady, who apparently "lives in a shoe, etc," let us insist on candidates, regardless of the increasingly meaningless emblems of donkey or elephant worn on their neckties, chosen for honesty, ability, experience and courage to maintain our American Heritage.

HUGH FORMAN,

Pinehurst.

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Equal Schools Promised Now

Even though we Southerners believe in racial segregation we are going to make amends for our neglect in reference to schools. Please give us time. We repent of our negligence.

We have the best interests o our people at heart, and we ar sorry we have been thoughtles and slow.

But watch us hustle now build more and better scho for our children, so that bo black and white can have equ opportunities for education.

Please don't push us too fas We are slow to act and slow anger. We want no bloodsh here in the South. So let alone.

I promise you: We will do th right and humane thing. Give u time.

We are precluding any b peaceful ways in settling o difficulties. This should be t ultimatum of all true Souther ers.

ADA DAV

Cherryville.

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OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

January 9, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fleming:

I attended the White House Conference on Education but was not a member of the delegation from the State of Alabama. Dr. W. A. Hunter, Associate Professor of Education, attended the Conference as an unofficial observer.

This information was requested in the SRC Newsletter, Volume 2, Number 3.

Very truly yours,

L. H. Foster
President

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 9, 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright
President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wright:

It was certainly kind of you to write those of us who are working with the Southern Regional Council Board to express thanks to us for what we are attempting to do to further the cause of democracy and humanity. May I say that it is a pleasure for us to work with you and other colleagues of yours because you are dedicated to help bring about a better way of life not only to the southern part of our country but in our country as a whole. Now is the time for us to remain steadfast and push vigorously the ideals in which we believe.

I certainly hope that you and your family will have a pleasant and prosperous New Year and I further hope that our paths will cross again in the near future.

With every kind wish, I am

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Brazeal

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January 9, 1956

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dr Mitchell - These were forwarded to Mr. Willbern 1/9/56 b.f.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Your letter of January 6 mentions various enclosures. By some mistake, they were not included in the letter. I would like to see them, if you can find them conveniently.

I have known something, of course, about the work of the Southern Regional Council, and have been sympathetic to its goals and purposes.

Sincerely,

York Willbern

York Willbern
Director

YW/a-b

Letter sent to Board Members 1-13-56
Executive Committee 1-12-56

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Post Office Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia
Fifth of January
Nineteen Fifty-Six

Director George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

By this you may know that I am recovering-slowly but surely I hope from a very dangerous and complicated operation in Johns Hopkins Hospital. Since the middle of October I have been incapacitated and have had to sacrifice all activities of a public nature. I have hated to let go by default my immediate services to the Southern Regional Council. You can understand my anxieties pertaining thereto only by considering my deep interest and devotion to our common cause. I have hated to miss the meetings and especially have I hated to be unable to raise the financial quota assigned to the membership of the Board. But with an aggravated ailment of many weeks to be climaxed with a serious operation and hospital confinement I had no other choice than to take to the sidelines and wait and hope for recovery. I hope I am again on the road to good health. My heart is with you and the good men and women who are carrying on with such vigor and courage under circumstances which most certainly try your souls.

I hope you and the others will not be too greatly dismayed at the irresponsible attacks currently being made on the SRC. We are willing to pay the price of rendering the service to the South and nation we are undertaking. There is a might in right that cannot be denied and in this we rest our case. Tell my comrades in the service that my heart is in every activity that promises ultimate victory.

Yours very kindly,

(signed)
Gordon B Hancock

RECEIVED JAN 16 1956

MYRA J. BRYANT
431 TWELFTH TERRACE, NO.
BIRMINGHAM 4, ALABAMA

January 13 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Ex. Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E. Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

In reply to your letter of December 21 in which you inform me that I have been elected to the Board of the Southern Regional Council, I wish to say that I shall be most happy to serve.

After a perusal of the enclosures I find nothing to disagree with in your aims and goals as you have presented them.

For many years I have admired the courage and forthrightness of the people behind the program od the Council.

Anything that I can do in my small way I am happy to offer.

Sincerely yours,
Myra J. Bryant
Myra J. Bryant (Mrs. H.C.)

Copy: GSA

January 17, 1956

Mrs. Myra J. Bryant
431 Twelfth Terrace, North
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

We appreciate having you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copy: GSA

Board of Directors

January 17, 1956

Mrs. Myra J. Bryant
431 Twelfth Terrace, North
Birmingham 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

We appreciate having you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MADE IN U.S.A.

January 27, 1956

Mr. Harry Golden, Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P.O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

De ar Mr. Golden:

We appreciate you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P. O. Box 2505 - 1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina
Phone: Franklin 5-6624 - Edison 4-9091

The Carolina Israelite

HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

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Jan. 25, 1956.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:-

It was a valuable visit for me. Thank you for your high-hearted hospitality. God forbid that we should ever lose our sense of humor.

Sincerely,

Harry L. Golden-

PS attached Observer editorial--I did not have to die to get it--very flattering.

February 1, 1956

Rt. Rev. John E. Hines
2616 University Avenue
Austin, Texas

My dear Bishop Hines:

We were delighted when friends in Houston sent us the account of your firm words at Tyler on matters of segregation.

Appreciatively and respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Board

February 1, 1956

Mrs. J.N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

I do greatly appreciate the clippings. Cheerful news is scarce these days!

We wrote admiringly to Bishop Hines.

Yes, we all do greatly miss Mrs. Hogue.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MRS. J. N. RAYZOR
3207 GROVELAND LANE
HOUSTON 19, TEXAS

RECEIVED JAN 31 1956

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Thanks for the report. It is indeed an encouragement that you are continuing such fine work in spite of the mean tactics & vicious opposition of political demagogues.

A enclosing clippings of two hopeful occurrences

in this part of the world.

Sincerely,

Eugenia Myers -

Jan 30, '56.

P.S. You have no doubt heard of the great loss we have sustained in the passing of our Olivia Hogue. She was beloved and respected by many hundreds of Hostesses.

February 6, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

Marion Wright some time back asked for a break-down of our Board Members by occupational classification. This has been done and is here supplied to Members of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Board

February 8, 1956

Mr. Harry Golden, Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P.O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Golden:

I was much instructed and encouraged and rejuvenated by your letter.

Most so by your visit.

Do come again.

I send some items about the Citizens' Councils.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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1st Ce,

Dr. Mitchell:* COMMENTARY has asked me to write a piece on the Citizens Councils ---
If it is not too much trouble kindly bring me up to date on them if you have the data....
I am going to hear Senator Eastland in Charlotte tomorrow night and ~~mmmmmp~~ perhaps get
a question in at the press conference at the air port.

HLG

Thanks again for the SIX OF HEARTS idea. I was ALONE at the committee room and
found out that all the 21 rich men were holding nothing more than the six of hearts
just like you done said---but ~~MMMMMM~~ EXACTLY as you said.

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Charlotte 1, North Carolina
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The Carolina Israelite

HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

February 2, 1956.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: American Jewish Committee

Dear Dr. Mitchell:-

The leaders of the American Jewish Committee asked me to attend an unscheduled and unpublicized meeting of the Southern delegates to their 49th annual convention. The purpose was to discuss the policy which should be adopted by the organization with reference to desegregation of public education in the South.

The meeting was handled with great effectiveness. Obviously the president and secretary and legal adviser of the organization knew that the sentiment of the delegates would be against any firm declaration for desegregation and against the Citizens Councils, because they allowed each delegate to talk and then they called on me. They allowed each of the 20 men there three minutes each and then told me that I would not be limited since I was entitled to 3 minutes plus 20. Quite a deal. I did, however take about 15 minutes. I was amazed at the arguments I heard--literally amazed. "They" are dirty, illiterate, uneducated, "they" do everything but "push in the subways"--which I suppose is reserved for fellows like me. These men are not unkind men. I am convinced that they are naive, terribly naive. I told them straight off that even if we (Jews) had celebrated the 600th anniversary it would make no difference---we are basically "non-conformists" in the eyes of the Gentile world--- that n I cannot think of anyone on this earth less co n vincing than a Jew a member of the Citizens Council--unconvincing that is to his colleagues, who will turn on him at the drop of the hat. We are basically non-conformists. When will my people learn this and settle down to some good relaxed living, and our mission is to defend and protect the non-conformist because then we are defending ourselves as we defend America.

The men did NOT get mad at me, even though I called them Trembling Tribes of Israel., because I told them they would be getting mad at a fellow who has but three passionate loves in this life---The Jewish people, America, and the South.

When it was all over the men invited me to make speeches to their local organizations in Dallas, Houston, Memphis, and Kansas City, so you can see that they did not get mad at me., although I doubt whether I wholly impressed the fellow from Atlanta. Anyway a resolution was adopted upholding the Supreme Court decision and condemning the Citizens Council, but with this compromise., that it should not be made public at this time but should be released seperately at the discretion of the President at an opportune moment before the next convention. At least they heard the other side. I urged the people NOT to minimize the strength of the Southern Protestants who are FOR the Supreme Court decisions and I warned them that someday the NAACP may very well say to them**"You people P ICK your fights----when you want our signature against McCarren you get it., when you want us to help against some anti-semite we join you, but this thing did not suit you did it?" I told the men there is a grave danger that that could happen and not only from NAACP, but from the National Council of Churches and many others... Kindest regards,--Harry L. Golden- Harry

No Voice Is Wholly Lost That Is The Voice Of Many Men - ARISTOTLE

M E M O

February 15, 1956

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

When I was in Dallas I asked people to give me a workable address for Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier who is or was a Board Member at Dallas.

The best I could get was Washington Square College, New York University.

Dr. Benjamin Mays,
President,
Morehouse College,
Atlanta,
GEORGIA.

16th February, 1956.

Dear Dr. Mays,

Here is a clipping concerning the recent New Orleans decision which Dr. Mitchell thinks you might need to supplement the material we sent yesterday. Note especially the underlined portion.

Hope it will help.

Sincerely yours,

(John Constable,
Information Service.)

JC:rl.

February 20, 1956

Mr. E.A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McDowell:

My apologies for the item sent you the other day as though you were a Member of the Executive Committee. I'm quite aware that you said you would not serve. I have instituted a track-down in the office of all lists whatsoever that show you as a Member of the Executive Committee. I have cleared your name on about six lists but if one escapes me, forgive me.

Sincerely and appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 21, 1956

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. John Constable
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Constable:

I thank you for sending me the recent clippings and other data which I requested of Dr. Mitchell.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM/m

The Rev. M. V. Shean, C.O.,
434 Charlotte Avenue,
Rock Hill,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

27th February, 1956.

Dear Father Shean,

The Church Women of South Carolina are planning a meeting on the Supreme Court decision at the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1512 Blanding Street, Columbia, on March 6th, beginning at 10.30 a.m., similar to a meeting we had in Atlanta when you sent your two fine representatives. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to be at this meeting, and that you will bring some others from Rock Hill, who have been working in the great programme of Human Relations in Rock Hill.

With the deepest appreciation of your interest and sincerely hoping you may be with us,

I remain,

(Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
In charge of Women's Work).

MET:rl.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 27, 1956

RECEIVED FEB 28 1956

Dear George:

Thanks for sending me the accompanying papers, which I have read with profit. Since I have not gotten by to return them personally, as I have had in mind, and am leaving for Athens today, I am dropping them in the mail to you. Will see you when I get back.

Warm regards,

Josephine Wilkins

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

February 28, 1956

Dear Harold:

Yes, I can trust you for editorial changes in the article. I knew there would be some needed, and you are free to go ahead and make them as seemeth best unto you.

Since writing that article, which means within the last ten days, I have heard of some repercussions in Oklahoma which before were unknown to me. First, I heard some politician saying over the radio that we now have a Citizens' Council, which is news to me, as I had been watching for it but had heard not a word about it. Second, we have had in Stillwater two ugly incidents. One day a while back, some adolescent boys drove through the Negro settlement of town and hurled threats against any Negro students who may be found in the white schools next year. Then, on this past week end, the pastor of the Negro Baptist church was awakened by someone who called him to tell him that there was a burning cross in front of his church. He got the fire department to come and extinguish the blaze. Then, on Sunday morning when he went to the church he found obscene writing on the door and some signs of vandalism besides that. Lee Ward, the principal of the Washington School, gave out a statement to the press that he did not believe the boys were from Stillwater in either case, but that they were from out of town, as those he had seen were not identifiable to anyone in the Negro district.

We shall probably have some minor gestures, but we do not expect any major flare-ups. There has been a good deal of integration already, and the Negro athletes on the high school teams have given a pretty good account of themselves. I believe that we can expect about the same sort of treatment for Negro athletes for a while that Jackie Robinson received, but when they start helping the teams bring home winning scores I think the animosity will subside.

I have not seen Jimmie Stewart but once since he was elected to succeed me on the Council. I heard him talking on the radio a few days ago, and he was quoted in one of the national network broadcasts as being opposed to the nation-wide work stoppage by Negroes on March 28, on the grounds that it would disrupt businesses which were in no way responsible for the Montgomery strikes and boycotts. There is going to be more lethargy and inertia on the part of Oklahoma Negroes than I had expected. As a member of the Stillwater Board of Education, I received a call not long ago from a Negro patron who was urging us not to consolidate their school with the city school system. It is going to be impossible for us to maintain separate schools, however, for the State Department of Education has already moved that we will not be able to get State Aid if we maintain separate schools, and there are few Oklahoma schools that are able to run without that source of revenue. The Negroes are afraid of the NAACP, and of Jimmie Stuart. They did not want their views known publicly, because they said Stuart and Dunjee would be on their backs about it. This same woman told me that every Negro student at Oklahoma A. & M. College is a spy on the resident Negroes here and reports everything he hears to the Black Dispatch and the NAACP. For years, I have headed the struggle in Oklahoma to do away with segregation, thinking I was taking the side of the Negroes, even when it could have done me personal harm to do so. Now, that we are at the dawn of a new era, they are backing out on me about as much as the whites are opposing me. It rather gives me a feeling of discouragement than an inspiration to keep on.

If the Negroes do not want help in the matter, I am not so sure we are spending our time constructively. Of course, I admit it is the "cotton-field Negro" and the teacher who are the most apprehensive. I found out that not a few of the Negro teachers had never weighed the situation, and when they learned that desegregation would mean the loss of their jobs in Oklahoma, they became concerned but quickly. In the great majority of cases, to absorb the Negro children into the existing school facilities, and especially if we put the Negro school houses to use, would result in an expansion of the space available rather than an overloading of the the teachers and the rooms. The separate school has been the most extravagant luxury that Oklahoma has ever maintained, and I suspect that the white people who pay most of the taxes are secretly happy to see it done away with, especially if they do not have to let Negroes teach their children in the school buildings. It does not matter if Negro maids who are virtually illiterate teach their children their first lessons in language and in personal care of their bodies, so long as it is done in private. The white teachers are not saying much about it, although they may be expected to howl if they see a chance that Negroes will invade their territory.

Well, I have just had a wonderful visit in the home of Dean John W. Coleman of the Oklahoma School of Religion at Langston University. His school is adjacent to the University, and is affiliated with it. He is also one of the university chaplains. My wife and I had a most wonderful dinner at his home on Sunday in company with Rt. Rev. Chilton Powell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma City. There was a Negro Episcopalian priest who was born in England who was also a guest in Rev. Coleman's home. Coleman is a Baptist, and I think he knows about the trip of the Baptist pastor who went over from Dallas to Atlanta a while back and made an ass of himself to everyone else. I am by the Baptists like Truman is about the farmers and the Republicans. He said any farmer who could conscientiously vote for a Republican ought to have his head examined. I think any Negro who can be a Baptist ought to have a sanity test. The Southern Baptist church will be the last citadel of racial hatred and " white supremacy" that we shall have to break down, just as it was the last protagonist of slavery which had to be subdued.

That is about all the gossip I know at this time. Let me hear from you on occasion. I shall be glad to perform any little service of which I may be capable as the need arises. Just because I am no longer a member of the Council does not mean that I am no longer interested.

Sincerely yours,

O. D.

O. D. Duncan.

March 6, 1956

Mrs. E.M. Sparling
222 Thompson Building
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Sparling:

We are delighted to have you on the Board. Your place has not been filled and we have been hoping straight along that you would come into it!

We all still look for Arkansas to point the way.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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332 Thompson Bldg.
Hot Springs, Ark.
March 4 - 56

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

In January I received a letter from you asking me to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I asked for time to consider.

If the invitation is still open I wish to accept; if my delay has been too long and you have filled the place offered me I certainly understand.

Recent developments in Arkansas are very disappointing. I hope we will be able to come through this on the side of right and justice.

Sincerely

(Mrs. E. M.) Floy Sparling

Miss Lilace Reid Barnes
President

Savilla Millis Simons
General Secretary

Copy: GSA

March 12, 1956

Mr. James E. Stewart
548 NE Fourth Street
Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma

Dear Jimmy:

We are delighted to have you. Matured deliberation makes good decisions!

We will call on you every once in a while for friendship and for information about Oklahoma. And you must feel free to put us to work for anything we can ever send you as to facts and situations and tendencies in the rest of the Southern States.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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March 6, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

In the first place, I'm a heel. By all means I should have acknowledged your letter of December 9, 1955 before now. In fact Dr. Duncan had told me of my election when I spoke up at Oklahoma A & M college around December 6th. You no doubt knew I was considering the invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, but the least I should have done was write you and let you know.

However our job is not done with excuses but deeds. First I considered it a pleasure and honor to have been selected to serve on the Board. Secondly, I would consider myself in pretty good company if a majority of your present Board members have been called "pro reds" by a Hearst publication because that within itself says they mean right under our present form of government as well as the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Then too, I have not only been called "pro red" but thourghly investigated by the FBI relative to my activities against segregation, however this has not weakened me but rather made me more determined because they have the record now as to what I'm doing and where I'm trying to go. I think most of us know what we are as well as what our aims are and name calling won't hurt or discourage us.

I shall be happy to serve on the Board and do what I can in Oklahoma as well as throughout the Southlands to assist the Council. If there is other infromation that you think I should have, please send it to me. I regret that I didn't have time to stop by and chat with you while in Atlanta February 18 and 19th. Mrs. Atkins (librian) whom you met while here sends regards and says bill her if her membership is out since she does not receive New South anymore.

With best regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

James E. Stewart

James E. Stewart
548 NE 4th. Street
Oklahoma City 4, Okla.

You probably heard my reaction to Rep. Adam Powell's first statement of "Deliverance Day." It was on Monitor radio and papers throughout America.

Oklahoma CITY TIMES March 2, 1956

NAACP Prods State Politicos

Oklahoma leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People plan an intensive campaign to gain state congressional support for civil rights legislation.

Jimmy Stewart Oklahoma City branch president, sounded the call before a mixed crowd of 500 persons Thursday night at the Tabernacle Baptist church, 515 NE 3.

He declared political action aimed at the state's congressional delegation is the most effective way Oklahomans have of helping people in such southern cities as Montgomery and Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Integration Charted

He charged there's "not a single liberal vote" in congress from Oklahoma, and insisted the state's congressmen have no justification for being "adamant" on the civil rights question.

"We feel strongly that many white persons in Oklahoma feel as we do about this," he said.

Stewart reported on progress of desegregation in 17 southern states determined in a recent NAACP conference. He said the organization has set up a program ranging from outright legal battling to political action.

Objective of the NAACP political action will be strengthened civil rights legislation arming federal authorities with the power to move into such situations as the recent Mississippi and Alabama upheavals, Stewart said.

"We believe the representatives in Washington from Oklahoma can be shown the righteousness of allowing federal authorities to move into such situations," he declared.

"Unless the federal government has the authority to go into the southland and correct these evils, there will be no permanent peace."

Leaders Warned

He added that the NAACP is "tired" of Oklahoma Negroes "selling their birthright and right of farnchise for a bowl of pottage."

"The Negro leadership in Oklahoma must not be misled by rich politicians who consider only matters to their interest, pay Negroes to vote for them and do nothing in congress on the civil rights question," he asserted.

He singled out "the senior senator from Oklahoma" (Sen. Robert Kerr) as one who says he'll consider the civil rights question but never goes any further on it.

April 20

Inter-Office Memo

J. E.C.

Date:

To: George Mitchell

From:

Subject:

RECEIVED MAR 21 1956

Dear George -

I will discuss this with you personally some day soon.

I would like to remain on the mailing list -

Bud

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ATLANTA 6, GEORGIA

March 20, 1956

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Because of personal reasons, please accept my resignation effective at once as a member of your organization and a representative on many committees.

As you know, there was some confusion about my serving as a representative on the financial committee of S.R.C., which was done without my knowledge or approval.

Sincerely,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

MLWeiss

President

MLWeiss:mc

– NEW YORK SALES OFFICE: ROOM 1510, 230 FIFTH AVENUE –

Dear Dr Mitchell: the response to this from the LEADING citizens was overwhelmingly enthusiastic

Harry Golden

RECEIVED MAR 28 1956

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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W. W. Sirmon ---------- *Circulation Manager*

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1956

American Humorist

"It's okay . . . We can't talk about segregation either . . ."

Interracial Committee Needed In Charlotte

Charlotte

Editors, The News:

I THINK the most important thing for us to bear in mind, at this momentous hour in the history of our community, is that Charlotte, N. C. is where we live and where we hope to continue to thrive and prosper. If we have that fact firmly established, we will have a better chance of arriving at the wisdom with which to resolve the issue which confronts us today.

One thing impresses itself immediately. In our search for wisdom we know that this is not the time for either mass meetings, or solicitation for "outside" help. This entire racial problem will be settled by southerners, particularly "quiet" southerners, men and women of good will who will sit down and discuss the problems arising out of the recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

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But in the absence of this direct line of communication, we prolong the enigma. "The Negro wants such-and-such," say people whose only source of information is a household employe who invariably tells them what she thinks they would like to hear. "The white people want to hold us down," say Negroes who haven't the faintest idea where this untruth originated.

We hear much of the building of bridges of good will among peoples. From the very beginning of time the only true answer to man's hope and future has been in the nature of lines of communication between peoples.

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It is well worth repeating the principles which these decisions involve. First, the law establishes the fact that all the citizens of this country are entitled to the advantages offered by our tax-supported public institutions; and second, is that there must be an evidence of good faith on the part of responsible public servants toward the establishment of the first principle.

This is all the Supreme Court has said and in our search for wisdom it is well to bear that in mind at all times. In our deliberations we must guard against the emotions which tend to throw honest discussion out of focus. "To be in anger is impiety," said the philosopher, and Mr. Shakespeare, as usual, confirmed it for us in one of his plays: "To climb a steep hill requires slow pace at first"; and he said it even better in another drama: "Heat not a furnace for your foes, so hot, that it singes yourself."

But we must make certain that there is no indifference either, because indifference is an evil equal to that of anger.

We know this — that no city can continue to prosper and thrive if one-third of its population is not fully exposed to every opportunity to burgeon out for itself the maximum of its creativity. The Negro on the other hand must take cognizance of the fact that something big, very big is taking place and that there exists no simple formula or solution except a quiet search for wisdom. And the white leadership must take into consideration this responsibility: That up to this moment we still lack the basic principle necessary in our search for wisdom — a direct line of communication between the two races of this city. The longer such a line of communication is delayed, the longer will we be confronted with suspicion, uncertainty, and fear. A mystery or an enigma has never brought happiness. Indeed, it is at the bottom of all the sorrow in human relations in the history of man. The City of Charlotte has had a phenomenal growth during the past two decades, but this is only a preview of greater events to come. We are participating in the building of a great, if not a giant, metropolis of the Southeast, and nothing must be done, or left undone that would be a brake upon this continued growth; economic, spiritual and cultural.

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In all instances we have found that the anticipation of any change is much worse than the actual change itself. This is true because people are uncertain and fearful of what may happen. Usually nothing happens. In the experience with school desegregation in Washington, Baltimore and St. Louis, there have been some problems, of course, but none of these problems has had any relationship to the early fears —fears which had been based on a lack of information and communication. We know that Negro children do **not want to go to "white" schools.** But neither do they want to be forced to go to separate schools. It is somewhere in this area, between these two truths, that mean and women of good will will find the solution to the problem which now confronts us. This is what Shakespeare called "the front and back" of the matter.

It would be presumptuous of me to set forth the method by which this pattern of good faith should be established. But it is not presumptuous to urge the immediate establishment of an official or quasi-official inter-racial committee in this city to help in this search for wisdom.

— **HARRY L. GOLDEN**

RECEIVED MAY 2 1956

Richmond Times-Dispatch
MORNING · SUNDAY · EST. 1850
RICHMOND 11, VIRGINIA

Hat - for your info

VIRGINIUS DABNEY
EDITOR

April 30, 1956.

TELEPHONE 7-1851

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.,
Atlanta, 3, Georgia.

Dear George:

Thanks very much for your co-operation in the matter of the leaflet. I hope you are not having to destroy a lot of them, but I do appreciate your withdrawing the material, as it does not represent my present viewpoint, when taken in connection with the Southern Regional Council's current position.

I am surprised to read in you letter that the pro-integration resolution was adopted by SRC in November, 1951. As you point out, I had gone off the board at that time. Furthermore, I had not been able to get to the 1950 meeting--or that of 1949 either, if memory serves. There is not a single clipping in our morgue for the period 1951-54 which tells of SRC coming out for integration. The one which would normally be presumed to set this forth (News Leader, December 14, 1951, apparently a locally written story) says, apropos of the Council meeting a few days before (wasn't it in December, rather than November?):

"At the meeting the Council issued a policy statement pledging itself to work toward establishing a South 'where the measure of a man will be his ability, not his race'". The rest of the statement adopted by the Council is not given.

The most recent clipping we have dealing with the Council (AP from Atlanta, April 10, 1954) tells of the Fund for the Republic grant, but nowhere does it say that the Council has come out against segregation. On the contrary, it contents itself with the declaration that SRC is being aided by the grant "in its efforts toward 'equal opportunity for all the people of the South'."

I'm not trying to labor the point, but I did want you to know why the word that SRC came out for integration back in 1951 never percolated through to me, and why I was embarrassed by the quotation on the leaflet.

I was under the strong impression that SRC didn't take its pro-integrationist stand until after the Supreme Court's 1954 decision.

All of which is water over the dam now. Permit me to thank you again for your prompt response to my request.

Sincerely yours,

V

Virginius Dabney.

VD/m

April 2, 1956

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
Lake Apartments, 323 C
Lakemore Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bud:

Nobody could be kinder and we are very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

$25.00 each
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I am pleased to enclose two checks made out to the Southern Regional Council from Ted Fisher and Bill Frey.

Sincerely,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

Bud
President

MLWeiss:mc

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Copy: Mr. Weiss

April 2, 1956

Mr. W.H. Frey
1607 Briardale Lane, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Frey:

I keep in my head a most choice list of people who are good eggs and you are way up on the list.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Mr. Weiss

April 2, 1956

Mr. Ted V. Fisher
3778 Narmore Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fisher:

How very kind indeed that is of you to help us in this generous way.

We are grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

April 3, 1956

Mr. Harry L. Golden, Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P.O. Box 2505
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry Golden:

Many thanks.

Harry Jones tells me that you and he are trying to get people to do what is right -- mainly by visits. And now you have the prospect of the early report from the legislative committee, which complicates.

I praise your letter in the News, March 23. Charlotte is a place that would like to stay ahead, and if the price is courtesy and considerateness I believe Charlotte can muster the price.

You and I will spout together come Friday the 13th. I look forward to some chance to swap notions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mmf

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The Carolina Israelite

HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

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FR 653

March 29, 1956

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional, Room 423,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the March 26th issue of the American Jewish Congress Weekly in which I have an article (co-author reporter Julian Scheer), "Klan Without Hoods", which I think brings us up to date on many aspects of the growing mass movement in the south, the Citizens Councils, etc. What I w anted to call to your attention particularly is that I have received information from the most unimpeachable source that Governor Hodges will call a special session of the North Carolina legislature on July 1st. This is a terrible prospect and could very well lead to a deterioration of race relations in this great state. The special session will give an opportunity to a dozen demagogues to sound off. It appears that the special session will have for its goal a subsidy grant to those people who refuse to send their children to desegregated schools if and when that happens.

It would be of tremendous value if we could convince many of the leading citizens of North Carolina to petition the governor against calling this special session. The economic consequences are much greater than anyone has dared to imagine. I know of three companies- one in Asheboro, one in Charlotte and one in Florence, who had contemplated moving their plants to the south and who have broken off all negotiations because of the "political instability" of the section. Confidentially the firm scheduled for Charlotte was the Ever-Ready Label Company with a potential bank deposit of over a half million dollars and a payroll of 350 highly skilled workers whom they had intended to train here. It is quite possible that the tremendous industrial growth of the south is grinding to a stop and when the industrialists reqlize the tremendous implications involved we may have men of good will who will sit down and discuss this important situation and come to a states-man-like solution. I think a big contribution right now would be an attempt to urge the governor not to call a special session which he now seems determined to do and which could only provide a sounding-board for a few little fellows who think they have a close race for the legislature on their hands. It is quite apparent that the political leaders of our state and other southern states either do not understand that the industrial development is grinding to a halt, or else they do not care. Either way, it is our duty to the section we love and to its warm-hearted people to do what we can to bring this information to the important citizens of our cities.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially,

Harry

Harry L. Golden

No Voice Is Wholly Lost That Is The Voice Of Many Men - ARISTOTLE

Klan Without Hoods

HARRY L. GOLDEN and JULIAN SCHEER

On a Sunday in May, 1955, the Rev. Sidney Riegel, pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Chester, South Carolina, delivered a sermon on "Our Racial Problem." The pastor did not discuss the pros and cons of the Supreme Court decision eliminating racial segregation in the public schools. His only reference to the desegregation problem was that "a 'white supremacy' group is being organized in this community," and he urged his congregation not to join any organization "which can bring nothing but prejudice and anguish."

After a few moments of uncomfortable silence, Rev. Riegel in more bantering mood said, "Come on now all those of you who agree with me, please rise." Again a deadly silence, followed by a shuffling of feet as someone in the last pew was getting up. Mr. Riegel studied the congregation for another moment and said, "I will not let my wife stand alone." The minister left the pulpit, and walked down the center aisle to stand beside Mrs. Riegel, who had been sitting in the last pew for the past weeks when her "condition" began to show. The religious services ended—and the services of Rev. Riegel as pastor of St. Paul's church also ended. The Board of Deacons fired him that same afternoon.

Rev. Riegel, in the spring of 1955, had no way of knowing that he was in the middle of a development which was even then beginning to snowball into the fastest growing mass movement in the history of our country—the White Citizens Councils of the South—the Ku Klux Klan without hoods, without masks; this time disguised in respectability. In the South today more than 150,000 citizens are dues-paying members of the Citizens Councils, which now reach down to the precinct level in over 50 percent of the counties of the South. At least 350,000 have joined similar groups. Yet even now no accurate estimate can be put on the membership of all the groups.

While the Councils are the best known organization in the South today, others take different names in different states and there is an overlapping of membership. Many Southerners have joined Councils plus local groups. Thus, in North Carolina, members of Councils are also members of the Patriots of North Carolina, Inc.; in South Carolina, the Pond Hollow Segregation Club, States Rights League of S. C., Grass Roots League, Inc., and others; in Georgia, the States Rights Council—backed by Gov. Marvin Griffin and ex-Gov. Herman Talmadge—and the National Patrick Henry Association, Inc.; in Maryland, the Maryland Petition Committee, etc. In all, there are more than 40 organized groups with the same pro-segregation theme. Many members of each are members of the larger Citizens Councils, which vary from state to state and chapter to chapter. But the common goal of all the groups is the same—fight integregation.

In July, 1954, the first Citizens Council (now more commonly referred to as White Citizens Councils) was founded by 14 men who met and counselled together on the crisis precipitated by the United States Supreme Court in its "Black Monday decision of May 17, 1954," according to the Council's annual report of August, 1955. This first session was held at Indianola, Miss. The report states:

> Despite the long range dangers to our constitutional safeguards apparent to many men North, South, East and West, in legislation by judicial fiat, the immediate and pressing danger to white men and women in Mississippi and the rest of the South was the potential flood of Negro invasion into our schools, parks, swimming pools, restaurants, hotels, trains, buses, into our very neighborhood and homes and into public office.

Thus the Councils were born. Since that report, just six months ago, enrollment has increased another 20,000. Today the Councils have more than 300 chapters in Mississippi alone. In other states the Councils' growth has been slower because of the local interest in local groups, but it has been steady.

The weapons of the White Citizens Councils and all other allied groups are economic pressure, and influencing politicians and political campaigns in the Southern states. The use of economic pressure has already had some effect. It has virtually stopped the circularizing of new desegregation petitions and has forced countless signers to withdraw their names from other petitions. The effectiveness of this weapon depends largely on the "cooperation" of state, county, and school officials by making available to the Citizens Councils the lists and applications signed by Negroes and involving racial and school activities. This "official" cooperation is fairly widespread throughout the South, although there have been exceptions. A request by the "Patriots" for the list of Negro signers of the desegregation petitions for the schools of Charlotte, N. C., was refused by the school authorities upon advice of the county attorney.

The Councils' activities have also created a new type of informer. Advertisements have appeared in recent weeks signed by individual Negroes with statements such as: "I am not a member of the NAACP"; "I do not know how my name got on the petition to

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Hary L. Golden, *editor of the* Carolina Israelite *in Charlotte, N. C., is also a member of the board of directors of the Southern Regional Council, a group of Southerners supporting desegregation.* Julian Scheer, *a Southerner, is on the editorial staff of the* Charlotte *News.*

desegregate our schools," etc. In Clarendon County, S. C. (one of the five test cases upon which the Supreme Court acted originally), nearly twenty petitions for desegregation were submitted within a year after the 1954 decision. There has been none since the advent of the White Citizens Council in that county.

Why should white Southerners join the Councils? They have an answer, even to the less disturbed areas of the South. The CC's report reads:

> Maybe your community has no racial problems: This may be true; however, you may not have a fire, yet you maintain a fire department. You can depend on one thing: the NAACP, aided by alien influences, block-vote seeking politicians and leftwing do-gooders, will see that you have a problem in the near future.
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> The Citizens' Councils is the South's answer to the mongrelizers. We will not be *integrated!* We are proud of our white blood and our white heritage of 60 centuries. . . . If we are bigoted, prejudiced, un-American, etc., so were George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and our illustrious forebears who believed in segregation.

How is a Citizens' Council organized? Let us look at the chapter in Butler County, Alabama. The "objects" of the organization include promotion of "good-will among the races," "pride of race," "to teach that there are no benefits to either race from integration," and to promote separate but equal facilities in "education, economic opportunities, hospitals, transportation, recreation and public toilets." Other "objects" include, "To oppose the methods, activities and ultimate objectives of the NAACP because its activities and news releases are misleading to both races"; also "to teach the self-evident truth that enforced integration is not freedom," and "to point up the fallacy of the Supreme Court decision on segregation."

The group proposes "to engage in no unlawful secret activities with concealed purposes (but to reserve the right to have private meetings with executive sessions). Finally, "it is our objective, united together, in a consecrated purpose, under the Constitution, within the law, without violence, under God—who set the pattern—to maintain freedom and segregation in Butler County."

Membership is defined this way: "Any white male citizen who is approved for membership by the Executive Committee shall be eligible for membership in the association other than such persons who are judicial or quasi judicial officials." An important element in membership is this: "No member of the association shall be responsible for any act of the other members or of the officers and Executive Committee unless directly participating therein."

The importance of this statement lies in the fact that it has been used as a strong denial of organized "economic pressure." But in Clarendon County, S. C., for example, where the cotton crop is of such importance, pressure could be brought to bear if a ginnery refused to gin the cotton of a Negro farmer. The crop is no good to him if he cannot gin it, yet the Negroes own no gins.

Many examples of the "squeeze" have been shown. There are reports from Selma, Ala., where 16 out of 29 Negro petition signers reportedly lost their jobs, or in Orangeburg County, S. C., where local distributors of nationally-advertised beverages, food, etc. have ceased delivery to proprietors of Negro cafes who had signed one of the petitions or who are known members of the NAACP. In one South Carolina city, a Negro woman was told she could not continue a charge account. The "squeeze," however, boomeranged when liberal whites and Negroes began boycotting the store involved in this practice. With a large Negro population, this type of counter-boycott may become effective.

The political implications of the Citizens Councils have become a prominent question in the South with the organization of the Federation for Constitutional Government. This is a loose grouping of Councils and other pro-segregation groups in 12 Southern states and is dotted with some well known Southern political figures. Heading the Federation is John U. Barr, a New Orleans industrialist. The advisory committee includes the former Dixiecrat candidate for president, Senator Thurmond; Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi; Congressmen William Tuck and Watkins Abbitt of Virginia; and Gov. Marvin Griffin and ex-Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia.

It should be noted that while the local Citizens Councils have been careful to reiterate that their sole interest is in trying to find legal means of upholding racial segregation in the schools, the Federation for Constitutional Government has indicated that it intends to operate from a much broader base. The organization has made it both simple and desirable for the local Citizens Councils to become federated. In its invitation to the "Patriots" of North Carolina, for instance, it stated that no vote of the membership was necessary for such affiliation; that the Federation merely offers its greater facilities as a "clearing house for information." Since few of the Councils have as yet set up any permanent system of financing, they have readily accepted the offer. The Federation appears to be amply financed.

The group, which also was born in Mississippi, lists these major objectives: promoting constitutional government, which includes the "preservation of the independence of the legislative, executive, and judicial departments"; preserving the "sovereign rights of the several states"; securing the nomination of candidates for office who subscribe to those principles; resisting the nomination of "leftist" candidates for President, Vice-President, and other offices; opposing "socialist platforms"; seeking to "prohibit the practice and to counteract the effects and consequences of executive

agreement and decisions of federal courts which have wrongfully abrogated, modified or amended the provisions of the U. S. Constitution."

The group's headquarters is now New Orleans, but soon a Washington office will be opened. The direct result of Sen. Eastland's plea for a nationwide, grass roots organization to fight the Supreme Court's decision, the Federation has lined up an impressive list of governors, ex-governors, and congressmen for its advisory committee It is gaining momentum and is well represented in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

What impresses itself immediately in surveying the White Citizens Councils is that the movement appears to be gaining momentum despite the vigorous opposition of the clergy and church organizations of the major Protestant fellowships of the South. The declarations upholding the Supreme Court decision began with the United Church Women, an organization representing a half million (white) Protestant women of 15 Southern states—"We accept with humility the Supreme Court decision. . . ."

By January 1, 1955, every major church group in the South had endorsed the Supreme Court's desegregation decision. The Baptist Convention, representing the largest single Protestant group voted overwhelmingly, "to urge Christian statesmen and leaders in our churches to use their leadership in positive thought and planning to the end that this crisis in our national history may not be made the occasion for new and bitter prejudices, but a movement toward a united nation embodying and proclaiming a democracy that will commend freedom to all peoples." The Presbyterians at their annual conference at Montreat, N. C., went further, appointing a commission to study "the means for the gradual desegregation" of their own churches and church schools, as well as the free public schools. The Methodists, representing the second largest church group, voted nearly three to one to "stand wholly in support of, and applaud, the Supreme Court ruling on segregation in public schools and in favor of state support and implementation and individual and collective church support." The fragmentization of Southern Protestantism is much less extreme than the number of sects would make it appear. The Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Disciples, and Church of God represent nine-tenths of the South's Christian community.

HOW HAS THE JEWISH COMMUNITY in the South been affected by the racial problem and what attitudes has it embraced? In general, the Jews of the South have been cautious; their attitudes reflecting the degree of emotion in their individual localities. The "Jewish" position, if we may use the term in its communal sense, has gone through three distinct phases. While the Clarendon County (S.C.) test case was still in the lower courts, the Jewish leadership was extremely apprehensive. In fact, individual groups urged each of the national organizations to refrain from filing a "friend of the court" brief before the Supreme Court. On numerous occasions influential merchants and manufacturers met with national leaders of the B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee, and the American Jewish Congress, and urged them to refrain from action ("this is the time for Jews to say nothing"). When the American Jewish Congress publicly announced the filing of such a brief, at least three large communities immediately eliminated that organization from their lists of allocations of their individual or welfare federation funds.

The Supreme Court's desegregation decision, however, brought a definite change in the Jewish attitude. The Roman Catholics desegregated their parochial schools immediately and then, as each of the large Protestant denominations voted to uphold the Supreme Court decision, there appeared to be a relaxation of the tension among the Jews concerning this matter, and rabbis began to take an active part in the support of the Supreme Court decision. But the advent of the White Citizens Councils has created an entirely different atmosphere in the Jewish community. The caution exercised before the Court's decision has now given way to fear. Jewish merchants fear "economic" pressure, but more important, they fear loss of "identity" with "the best people," many of whom are in the White Citizens Councils, an "identity" for which they had worked very hard to achieve.

In January of this year a resolution (offered by Rabbi Rothschild of Atlanta, Ga.) upholding the Supreme Court decision was defeated (by the laymen) at the regional convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held at Birmingham, Alabama. A Virginia delegate argued that he had been warned by many of his customers not to "take up for the Negro." Other delegates reported similar incidents. Rabbi Roland Gittleson of Boston delivered the principal address and when the Birmingham daily press reported his remarks concerning desegregation, the general impression was that "the rabbi has done us great harm." Warnings were sounded to avoid such risks in the future.

It is interesting to note that the desegregation attitude of the South, (laity vs. clergy) is paralleled in the Jewish community. At least three rabbis in the deep South have been called before their trustees in serious soul-searching sessions; "Why not stick to 'religion' only?" "Where are you leading us?" etc. The laymen point to the fact that the anti-Semites are using only the Jewish statements on desegregation. In Louisiana, where the Archbishop has threatened excommunication of any Roman Catholic legislator who opposes desegregation; where each of the major

Protestant fellowships has publicly endorsed desegregation, the anti-Semites have called attention *only* to the fact that Rabbi Julius Feibelman of New Orleans had signed a desegregation petition. Thousands of copies of Frank L. Britton's *The American Nationalist* have been distributed in New Orleans with a blast against Rabbi Feibelman. Five new Citizens Councils sprang into being with at least 15,000 new members, as a result of this propaganda.

In North Carolina, the Association of Rabbis passed a resolution in which it asked Governor Luther Hodges to reconsider his policy (urging the Negroes to accept "voluntary" segregation) and to implement the Supreme Court decision. Here, too, the Roman Catholic Bishop had desegregated his churches and parochial schools, and each of the Protestant churches had taken a strong position for the desegregation of the schools, yet the "Patriots" emphasize the "Jewish position" and rarely call attention to their own "Christian" opposition. The *Danville (Va.) Register* in an editorial commenting on the resolution of the N. C. rabbinate stated flatly, ". . . to rub the majority in a sensitive spot is to invite reaction. The rabbis have rubbed hard and they are likely to hear and see what Tar Heels think."

"We want none of that Hitler stuff," said Kenneth Whitsett, founder of the "Patriots" of North Carolina. "Naturally a movement such as ours," he continued, "attracts all sorts of people, but we intend to weed out any known anti-Semites." When after two successive "Patriot" meetings anti-Semitic leaflets were found on the front seat of every parked car in the area, Mr. Whitsett issued a public statement "divorcing" his organization from "prejudice against the Jews." However, at most meetings of the "Patriots" and White Citizens Councils the "Patriot" speakers mention *only* the name of the Jewish officer of the NAACP, and there is not a member of any of these organizations who is not now familiar with the name of Julius Rosenwald ("his picture hangs in every 'Nigra' home."). Even Senator Eastland, in his prepared speech to each of the Citizens Councils, places strong emphasis on the name of Julius Rosenwald. The irony is that the Rosenwald Foundation concerned itself primarily with establishing *Negro* schools in those rural sections of the South where the "separate but equal" principle had not even been heard of.

It is apparent that the membership lists of the pro-segregation organizations have been turned over to some of the professional anti-Semites who have pounced on desegregation as a new vehicle for anti-Semitic agitation. Conde McGinley's hate sheet, *Common Sense,* and Britton's *The American Nationalist,* are distributed at most of the meetings of the pro-segregation groups. Undoubtedly another hate sheet, *The National Renaissance Bulletin,* is being sent to lists of school teachers and editors of the South. In each issue it calls attention "to the conspiracy of the Jews and the Bolsheviks to mongrelize the Southern white Anglo-Saxons."

The rabbis are fully aware of this growing anti-Semitic agitation, but they point out that these professional haters hardly needed the few (rabbinical) resolutions or sermons for desegregation to spread their anti-Semitic propaganda, and that there is a greater danger to the welfare of the Jewish community of the South if rabbis did *not* join the Catholic and Protestant clergy in advocating an end to racial segregation. The playwright, Paul Green of Chapel Hill (N. C.), who has brought millions of tourists into the South with his historical plays, put this point very well in a recent interview. Mr. Green, a Christian, pointed to the Nazi-like methods of the pro-segregation organizations and urged Christians and Jews to avoid the attitude which brought about Hitlerism—the attitude of "What else could I do?" The alternative, says Mr. Green, is to "fight the neo-fascists tooth and nail."

Germany's Homecoming "Martyrs"

ELEONORE STERLING

During the first week of October last year bells tolled in the small village of Friedland near Goettingen on the border between the Soviet and Western Zones of Germany. Some 50,000 German citizens awaited the return of German prisoners of war, who had been released according to the agreement signed a month previously in Moscow. At first, there was a note of disappointment when thirty-two generals, admirals and members of the old Wehrmacht's general staff arrived. But during the following days the trains brought bedraggled, worn-looking men with hollow eyes. They were hailed as heroes. If one talked to the man on the street or read the papers and watched the German television broadcasts during those days, one gained the impression that the German people had forgotten just why these men had been held for so long. Truly, they might blame the harshness of Russian justice that condemned a man for stealing a bag of potatoes to years at hard labor, but no one seemed to remember the course of events leading up to the imprisonment of those men.

It was forgotten that these men had invaded other nations, that they had been instrumental in uprooting

Dr. Eleonore Sterling *has been reporting on the current scene in Germany.*

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

April 11, 1956

RECEIVED APR 14 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Shortly after the receipt of your letter of March 14, I was stricken with an attack of influenza, and am just now beginning to feel like a normal human being. I received copies of the New South and Promotion leaflets which you sent me, but the idea expressed in your letter with reference to the use of this material does not coincide with the plan I had in mind. It is not my desire to deal directly with the persons to be contacted at a later date, nor to interview them as a group.

I think it will be a better plan for me to furnish you with the names and addresses of these individuals and have the educational and promotional material sent directly to them from your office. This action will subsequently be followed up by personal interviews of each of these prospects by the two of us when you find it convenient to come on to Houston.

Within the next few days I shall prepare a list of prospects and send them on to you in order that this plan may be initiated.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY AND NOT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL

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April 12, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Doctor Dent:

We do hope that you will be able to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 20-21, 1956 at Atlanta University.

As you know the first session will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Friday afternoon (April 20). The first item on the agenda will be a discussion of the post-1957 program of SRC. We are urging that you try to be present for this important discussion.

All sessions will be held in the conference room of the Atlanta University Administration Building located at 223-Chestnut Street, Southwest. Housing accomodations can be obtained at the dormitories located at 40 Chestnut Street, Southwest.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

April 17, 1956

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini, V. G.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
123 North West Street
P. O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear ~~Monseigneur~~ Monsignor Brunini:

We are delighted to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

File copy and original incoming to GSA for processing

St. Peter's Catholic Church
123 NORTH WEST STREET
P. O. BOX 57
JACKSON 5, MISSISSIPPI

April 11, 1956

RECEIVED APR 13 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I will be happy and honored to serve with the fine men and women who compose the Board of Directors of the Regional Council. The democratic and religious forces of the country have a big job on their hands and it is well for us to be united.

Thanking you again for the courtesy shown me on my last visit to Atlanta and with best personal regards to you and to all at headquarters, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Joseph B. Brunini

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini, V.G.

JBB:jg

Copy - Mrs. Spearman

April 19, 1956

Mr. Philip Hammer
Hammer and Company
Glenn Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Phil:

I am sorry that it is not possible for you to go to South Carolina, but understand the great pressure on your time. I hope in the future it will be possible for you and some of our State organizations to get together because the information you have is of vital importance to them.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

April 20, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Re proxies, here's what the by-laws say:

"If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members."

I don't think the proxy device will be needed for scaring up a quorum; though we appreciate the offer (and in a pinch would try to use it). But there is the extra problem that GSM and other staff persons are not now members of the Council (which is just the Board). So for future use, you would have to name some sure-enough members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 2, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met in Atlanta April 20-21. They had two vacancies on the Executive Committee, and chose for their new members yourself and a Methodist parson at Alexander City, Alabama, named Duncan Hunter.

We all greatly hope that you will be willing to serve. The Executive Committee meets every three months. It is the creature of the Board of Directors, but the Board of Directors only meets once a year, and the Executive Committee pretty well runs the show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by GSM/signed in his absence.

cc: GSA

Encl: list of Bd. men.
" " Exec com. men.

May 15, 1956

Mr. John Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

You delight us with your order for one hundred copies of the April *New South*. Exactly the distribution we hoped for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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RECEIVED MAY 14 1956

Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

May 11, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

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My check for $15.00 is enclosed for which I shall appreciate your sending me as many copies of the April issue of NEW SOUTH as this will buy.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler

JHW/r

Sent 100 Copies @ 15¢
5/14/56 rha

May 22, 1956

Dictated May 21

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We have been waiting for your list of prospects, and as soon as we get it we will send them promotional things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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RECEIVED MAY 24 1956

NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
RALEIGH

ELLEN WINSTON
COMMISSIONER

May 22, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciations for the two publications recently sent me. Racial Desegregation and Integration and Clearing the Main Channels are certainly well worth reading. I have had an opportunity to give them a cursory examination and really believe that they will be of great value to those who are interested in understanding the present racial situation.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

J. R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work

JRL:fhc

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

May 25, 1956

Dear Harold:

Just a short note to thank you for your letter of May 23, which arrived only this afternoon.

Sol Sutker has been staying with his sister in place of at his mother's place. That puts him in Greensboro. The address we use is 2407 Camden Road, Greensboro, North Carolina. The telephone number is 7392, and it has no prefix. His sister's name is Mrs. A. Guyes.

I hope Byerly's work proves satisfactory. I should have liked to get someone with a research interest, primarily because I wanted to have the work bring out very specific and concrete facts. That is the only question I have about Byerly. I talked over that point with him at least twice and pointed it out to him in your letter, which I turned over to him to serve as a guide. Yet, I had a slight suspicion that I may not have impressed him with the point. I noticed from conversation also that he talked in terms that were a bit general. Then, again, I said, now melt out the bare facts in those things. Then, if there is some necessary explanation you may give it, but always be sure that the concrete information is there where it can't be missed. He is interested in the work, and the pay seems to be no item with him. If he could have done it, I have no doubt he would have worked just as hard without a dime of compensation as he would have if he had got rich out of it. He wants to get everything right, too.

My feeling is that even this type of reporting requires certain knacks and skills that one must develop partly, at least, on the job. That is one reason why I think it would be fine if you can keep him interested by writing him every once in a while, asking some question, keeping him alerted. Then if you had to have some quickie reporting done there would be a man on tap to do it. Men who will work for the love of it are hard to find.

Thanking you for calling on me, and hoping that the job is done well, I am,

Sincerely,

O.D.

O. D. Duncan.

May 30, 1956

Mr. Harry Golden
Carolina Israelite
Box 2905
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am delighted with your memo of May 23rd which I will hold in confidence. But it certainly gives the news.

The Board is supposed to meet, by the by-laws, annually on the second Wednesday in November, which means by my calendar November 14, 1956. Sometimes if that comes too close to election day we wiggle it. But I guess it will stand at the 14th.

I don't yet know where.

The Executive Committee will set it at the Executive Committee's July meeting.

But please do hold the 14th of November.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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5/31/56

Please return to the central office when you have read and checked this.

Elizabeth Brantley

D.E.T. ✓
Hef ✓
JC —
GSA ✓
CHP
JH ✓
RA ✓

CONFIDENTIAL

May 23, 1956.

Memo to Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director, Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga.
from Harry L. Golden, Charlotte, N. C.

At the annual conference of North Carolina Editorial Writers on Saturday, May 18 (Chapel Hill), Governor Luther Hodges and Thomas Pearsall, the head of his School Study Commission, held a special conference on the segregation issue. Whatever we may think of their policies, let us say this at the outset, that I doubt whether this could have happened in any other Southern state at the moment. They made no speeches, but offered to answer any questions. The men from the Eastern part of the State merely expressed their satisfaction with the Report and the Governor's call for Voluntary Segregation. The Charlotte, Durham, Asheville and Greensboro papers were silent. About two hours was taken up by the Governor answering questions principally from JONATHAN DANIELS, Raleigh News & Observer, Reed Sarratt, Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, and myself. I will say this that there was no restriction as to the number of questions. I rose 4 times, Sarratt persisted at least 6 times and Daniels made two points. Daniels said that he believes the Southern authorities may be barking up the wrong tree, that from his observation the rank and file of ~~Southerners~~ Negroes are pushing the NAACP, and that this whole idea of "outside interference" may be just a pipe dream. Daniels deplored the lack of Negro-White line of communication and urged the Governor to try to set such a program in motion. When the Governor replied that he "tried and tried" to get Negroes to cooperate with his School Committee I asked him how he expected the Negroes to collaberate in their own "obituary", since the Governor had already announced that he intended to maintain racial segregation in the Schools? I said that if he had announced that his Committee would try "to do something", his Negro "cooperation" would have stretched from the State Capitol to Mount Mitchell.

I asked the Governor what the Governors of the South have in mind. I said, "Gov., if I had asked this question of a 13th century feudal baron he would have been deeply concerned---how do you feel as a Governor of a great State knowing full well that one-third of the population must now remain unhappy and embittered? How do you people intend to deal with this fact of life?"

But Reed Sarratt of Winston-Salem asked the most interesting question. He asked the same question over and over again in general terms, and finally he rose for the 6th time and said, "Gov., let me put it to you straight---I have asked you this question in general terms, now I shall ask it in specific terms----suppose we in Winston-Salem desegregated our public schools in September, 1956, will we be punished by the Legislature, will appropriations be withheld; and since this is a matter for the Legislature, I am asking you now will you exert the leadership in the event of such an action to prevent any punishment for Winston-Salem?" The Governor refused to answer Reed's question. He merely said, "Time will tell, and I do not know what the Legislature will do." As far as Jonathan's NAACP question, the Governor said that his own information is that the NAACP is "behind it all"; and as for my questions, he said they were loaded, but "Harry Golden is nevertheless one of our valuable citizens."

At the end the Governor stated "confidentially" what most of us had guessed long ago, that he thinks he has served the State well, because "I have avoided a bitter race campaign. If I hadn't come out for this program, a rascist would have run against me and torn our State apart with hatred."

Harry

Harry Golden-

P.S. Dr. Mitchell:--Kindly advise when the next Board meeting of the Council?

June 1, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I was so glad to get today the names of the people you said we should keep informed.

see membership cultivation file

I have written each of them as enclosed, and I have sent out a first envelope containing a copy of Changing Patterns, the last two or three issues of New South, and our 1951 Policy Statement, and the quickie history of SRC we did recently.

And we shall be sending each of them New South, and I hope some other pamphlets, right along. I would think that after a month or two you would be in a position to talk with them further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

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LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

May 29, 1956

Mr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Please pardon my delay in sending you names of prospects to whom promotional material is to be sent. The delay in this instance was due to an attack of influenza during the month of March, and after recovery I was extremely busy in the preparation of our Annual Statement for the Department of Insurance. I have just recently returned from New York City where I was in attendance at the funeral of one of my relatives.

In accordance with my promise, you will find listed below the names and addresses of five persons whom I regard as favorable prospects; they are as follows:

Mrs. S. M. McAshan
3376 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Mr. R. E. (Bob) Smith
Gulf Building
Houston, Texas

Mr. Robert Childers
P. O. Box 7447
Houston 8, Texas

Mr. Palmer Hutcheson
1720 Niels Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, President and Editor
Houston Post
2410 Polk Street
Houston, Texas

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

May 29, 1956

Mr. Mitchell
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It is my suggestion that promotional material be sent each of these persons, and if we are successful in securing their assistance names of other prospects may be secured from each of them for cultivation.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

CAS/cm

June 4, 1956

Mr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

You are quite right, and we will get the brief history altered before it gets to any printing stage. What happened was that sentences from publications in the early 'twenties (!) were living on in later things.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc and original incoming to HCF

May 29, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF HCF

RE: Dr. Dent's comments on mimeographed history of SRC

The details of the old Commissions' origins are lost in obscurity, but at some early point the identification of Alexander, Jones, Eagan and Durham as the kingpins was made and that formulation has been handed down from publication to publication even unto our latest mimeographed document. However, clearly the Negro leaders mentioned by Dent were involved early in the game; they are reported in a 1922 article as being two of five Negroes on the fifty-eight member Commission. I see no reason why we might not include their names in a general statement of those who played an essential part of the formative years of the Commission. Suggest you write Dr. Dent to that effect. After you have answered it, please return Dent's letter and the attached magazine article to serve as reminders when we revise.

Dear Mr. Dent,

You are quite right, and we will get the brief history altered before it gets to any printing stage. What happened was that sentences from publications in the early 'twenties (!) were living on in later things.

HCF:mbo

Appreciatively,

EB. Please tend to.

Edw

NOTE: AN ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER SENT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER

June 4, 1956

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

We have done a corrected complete edition of the by-laws of SRC.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 5, 1956

PLEASE FORWARD

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

When are you coming back into circulation?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

June 7, 1956

Dr. Mitchell:

Did send the attached letter and the materials as listed to Mr. Fleming.

Did not acknowledge Mr. Shaw's ltr, however.

June 7, 1956

Mr. Lamar Fleming, Jr.
2945 Lazy Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, at the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Board of Directors of our Southern Regional Council. He and we would like you to know more about the Council.

At his suggestion, I will send you every now and then either our maggie New South, or some other publication from us in this general field.

The Southern Regional Council is an old-established and responsible agency working for better understanding between the races in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
"The Southern Regional Council: A Brief Account of its Origins and Aims"
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, March, April, May, 1956
"The South of the Future"

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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HOUSTON, TEXAS

June 5, 1956

RECEIVED JUN 7 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Please add the name of Mr. Lamar Fleming, Jr., 2945 Lazy Lane, Houston, Texas, to the list of prospects sent you last week. Mr. Fleming is the Chairman of the Board of Anderson-Clayton Company, and one of the outstanding citizens of this city and state.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

CAS/cm

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

June 11, 1956

Dr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

A copy of your letter of June 7, to Mr. William E. Byerly has just arrived at my desk. I judge from the first and last paragraphs that he has finished the work which you expected him to do for you. I hope he has done it satisfactorily and completely.

You will probably need a continual contact of some kind. For example, the Oklahoma Teacher's Association (Negro) has had a standing invitation for over a year to join the Oklahoma Educational Association (White). Last year, the OTA referred the matter to a committee. Then, last week, the committee met and decided to refer the matter to the general membership. Which is where they started. The committee's contention was that they may need the OTA to fight the laying off of Negro teachers. That is true. But, you see, the vested interests are becoming assertive on the Negro side, too. I suppose the OEA could help them by incorporating a resolution pledging the "School Bloc's" protection to the Negro teachers. Otherwise, there is little chance for the fusion of the two groups. Things like this are likely to appear in other segments of life, too.

Incidentally, while I am writing, send me a dozen copies of New South, containing the article I wrote on Oklahoma, and enclose the bill, including the postage. I'll appreciate it, if you will, as I am down to one copy now, and I may need others at any time.

Thanking you for your many courtesies, I am,

Sincerely,

O.D.

O.D. Duncan, Head
Department of Sociology and Rural Life

ODD:psk

June 12, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Many thanks for your letter of June 5th about Mr. Fleming. We have sent him the same letter we sent the others; and we have sent him the same materials.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

(Dictated June 12th)

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

For the Texas Federation of Labor I shall be coming to Texas for the week beginning Monday, August 27th.

It occurred to me that I just might be lucky enough that this might be a proper time to fetch together your various friends to whom we are sending literature. On the other hand, that being the end of August, probably not.

And I will be glad to come whenever it may be suitable for your needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Out of his office + the city until 9/4/56

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

June 21, 1956

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

RECEIVED JUN 22 1956

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your corrected copy of the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

C.G. Gomillion

C.G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

Oklahoma
Agricultural and Mechanical College
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND RURAL LIFE
STILLWATER

June 22, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Gerogia

Dear George:

CRpha (literature)

Enclosed is my check for $2.15 to cover 12 copies of New South with my article in it. Harold refused to send me a bill for them, after I had requested them and had asked him to send the bill.

You may credit the amount any way you like.

I trust that things are going fine with you. We are having a heat wave, and it is awfully sticky. Usually, the heat here is so dry that one hardly notices perspiration, but now it just rolls off.

We still have some desegregation problems in Oklahoma. One of them is going to be the employment of teachers. Supt. Winn Payne at Ponca City is employing one or two to teach white children. I believe he tried to hire one for a secretary, however, and the folks raise so much noise about it he had to let her go.

What I am watching for is to see how many sparks will fly when the people begin to realize that with Negro children in schools there will be an inevitable amount of mixing. For example, suppose there is a Negro on a football team, in a school band, or in some other activity , and if the team goes on a trip the school people in charge will have no choice but to see to it that the Negro student has accommodations. That is going to hit at every segment of life.

We have a radio preacher in Oklahoma City, Dr. E. F. Webber, who rants and raves half the time about the court decision and about the United Nations. Both are the work of communists, and the court order is designed to fix things so Negroes can marry the whites (not so whites can marry Negroes). We have as many fools in Oklahoma as they have in Alabama or in Georgia. The only difference is that we have more Kansas renegades in our population than the states farther south.

Well, it is a great life.

RECEIVED JUN 25 1956

Sincerely yours,

O. D. Duncan.

June 25, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I should think we would have a much better chance of catching your friends in Houston in September than in July or August.

But, for the record, I am for the moment still available to you at any time between August 1st and August 11th, and shall, of course be happy to come for any gathering that may be arrangeable and which you would think desirable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

June 22, 1956

RECEIVED JUN 25 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of June 12, in which you advised of your coming to Texas for the week beginning Monday, August 27, and suggesting that we contact prospective contributors to the Southern Regional Council during your visit in Houston. I deeply regret that the date of your visit will find me in Washington, D. C. where I shall be in attendance at the thirty-sixth annual convention of the National Insurance Association. It is my plan to go on from Washington to New York City, and will not return to Houston until September 4.

If it is possible for you to come to Houston at any time during the month of July or the early part of August, I would appreciate being advised as to the definite dates in order that I may check with each of the prospects to ascertain if they will be in Houston on such dates.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

CAS/cm

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LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

June 27, 1956

RECEIVED JUN 29 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I concur in your opinion that we should have a much better chance of contacting prospective contributors to the Southern Regional Council during the month of September than may be possible in July or August. I am, therefore, making note on my calendar to arrange for such conferences when I return to Houston on or about September 4.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Chas. A. Shaw
President

CAS/cm

P. O. Box 2505 - 1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina
Phone: Franklin 5-6624 - Edison 4-9091

The Carolina Israelite

HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

July 6, 1956

Dr. George Mitchell, Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

RECEIVED JUL 9 1956

Dear George:

With all the fear we hear about of the Jewish people of the deep South, none of the daily newspapers of the deep South has yet hailed these people for their pro-segregation stand.

Cordially,

Harry

Harry Golden

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Greece. Mr. Pearson was a strong admirer of Jack Peurifoy. This South Carolina man was our ambassador to Greece in past years and was a chief factor in delivering the country to the West and away from Communist domination. His work is being destroyed.

Not only does the location of Greece make it a strategic ally, but the long friendship of our two peoples argues for a continued strong association. There is another, and more important, reason why the friendship does tend to drift. Our foreign policy seems to be—now—more a matter of reaction than direction.

Greece, if it is an example of our "recaptured initiative," is a case in point. Immediate correction is needed. America seems to have lost its most effective fighting diplomat when Peurifoy was killed. But, tasks like these are too much to demand of one man. The saving of Greece, and other countries, should be more a matter of policy than personal initative.

Mr. Pearson paints a dark picture.

Journalism's Golden Voice

Harry Golden, editor, publisher, reporter, ad salesman, promotion manager and circulation chief of the Carolina Israelite is one of the most refreshing journalists of our area. His paper—when published—always makes interesting reading.

His searching, inquisitive outlook on life and society allows him to come up with some gems of wisdom and whimsey. He has a happy knack of asking people unanswerable questions and questions that peek into the dark corners of human thinking and lack of thought.

Just recently he attended a press conference held for Senator James O. Eastland—interposition's chiefest of champions. Eastland wasn't disposed to answer questions; but Mr. Golden asked one that brought something of an explosion.

The question: "Suppose you are acting as chairman of your Internal Security subcommittee and an unfriendly witness tried to invoke the theory of interposition between himself and a possible contempt citation, what would you do?"

Eastland's answer: "That's the stupidest question I've ever heard."

Our Traffic in Destruction

(CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

The Senate has passed one bill and the House is considering another directed at traffic in narcotics. Senator Price Daniel, speaking of the former, calls it "the strongest blow against the cancerous narcotics traffic that has ever been passed."

Certainly there are features in both measures that promise aid to law-enforcement agencies in attacking this scourge. For one thing, the bills recognize the especial menace of heroin. This derivative of morphine is said to account for over nine-tenths of drug addiction in the underworld and is a large factor in juvenile deliquency. In recent years heroin has been rarely prescribed medically. It's manufacture in and import into the United States are already forbidden by law.

To outlaw its possession under any circumstances (except under permit for research), as does the Senate measure, should greatly aid police and narcotics agents in their war against the menace. By setting stiff penalties for use of mails, telephones, etc., incident to the drug traffic the Senate has given society another weapon while wisely avoiding the dangers inherent in the sanctioned wire tap.

The severe sentences prescribed by both bills for convicted traffickers (up to death by the Senate, to 40 years by the House) show how strongly the lawmakers feel on the subject. But designation of heavy punishment always calls for admonition as to its efficacy. Too many assume that merely upping the punishment deters the criminal.

Actually, extreme penalties often make courts and juries hesitant to convict. It is the high probability of arrest, trial, conviction, and sentence to some significant punshment, not just the degree of punishment, that makes the would-be offender pause.

WASHINGTON: When New York's Gov. W. Averell Harriman and his shrewd manager, Tammany Hall Chief Carmine DeSapio daydream about the future, they undoubtedly visualize some such scene as this:

The third or fourth ballot is being taken in the sweaty Chicago convention hall. As the balloting progresses, it becomes clear that Adlai E. Stevenson has shot his bolt. A bruising pre-convention fight on the civil rights issue has hurt Stevenson badly, both with Northern liberals and with the Southerners. In a desperate effort to put him over the top, every last Stevenson vote has been cajoled into line. But the total is still short of the 687 votes needed to win.

At this point, the convention realizes that it must choose between Harriman and Missouri's Sen. Stuart Symington. Northern Stevenson delegates begin breaking to Harriman, while Southerners, conservatives, and border-state men shift to Symington. A deadlock threatens.

Then there ia a dramatic intervention. Symington's fellow Missourian, former President Harry S. Truman, choosing his words and his platform carefully, comes out hard and strong for Harriman. He bestows on Harriman the accolae as the true inheritor of the New Deal and the Fair Deal, the only available candidate who can be depended upon to defend labor and the minorities.

Among the Northerners and liberal groups, who control the majority of the delegates, Truman's accolade starts a bangwagon movement to Harriman. After this, the dream becomes a little dim. Perhaps Symington will accept second place — if so, he will almost certainly be offered it. Perhaps the Southerners will walk out — if so, they will deliver the huge Negro vote in the key industrial states to Harriman.

At any rate, Harriman is triumphantly nominated, and after a hard-hitting, strongly Fair Deal campaign, triumphantly enters the White House. The dream is, of course, only a dream. In all probability the reality will be far different. But the dream is at least interesting, because it tells a lot about the shrewd and carefully calculated Harriman strategy.

The Harriman Strategy rests squarely on two bases. Base one is Harriman's all-out advocacy of civil rights. Harriman's stand on the issue is strongly indorsed by the intellectual liberal groups which still influence Democratic conventions. Especially in view of the Eisenhower administration's record on the issue, the Negro and minority vote in the big states has never been more crucial, as the big state professionals are wholly aware. And the big state pros will have even more influence than the liberals.

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July 13, 1956

General Maurice Hirsch
Niels Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

Dear General Hirsch:

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, at the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Board of Directors of our Southern Regional Council. He and we would like you to know more about the Council.

At his suggestion, I will send you every now and then either our maggie New South, or some other publication from us in this general field.

The Southern Regional Council is an old-established and responsible agency working for better understanding between the races in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, March, April, May, 1956
"The South of the Future"

July 13, 1956

Miss Nina Cullinan
3694 Willowick Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Miss Cullinan:

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Mr. Maurice Lazarus
57 Briar Hollow Lane
Houston, Texas

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Mr. Max Levine, President
Foley's Department Store
1110 Main Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Levine:

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LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

July 5, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Friday - for
Prior [illegible]

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

You will find listed below the names and addresses of four other prospective contributors to the work of the Southern Regional Council that are as follows:

* Mr. Max Levine, President
Foley's Department Store
1110 Main Street
Houston, Texas

Mr. Maurice Lazarus
57 Briar Hollow Lane
Houston, Texas

General Maurice Hirsch
Niels Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

Miss Nina Cullinan
3694 Willowick Drive
Houston, Texas

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With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Charles A. Shaw
President

* MAX LEVINE

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Gen Correspondence
Board - 56'57

July 13, 1956

Mr. G.S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you for your copy of the minutes of the 1956 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council which was held at Tuskegee Institute on Wednesday, November 9, 1955.

We are expecting the Board to meet with us on Wednesday, November 14, this year.

Sincerely,

C.G. Gomillion

C.G. Gomillion

July 30, 1956

GSM to write Mr. Atwood re the consideration given Atwood's resignation by the E. C. meeting 7/20-21. See ltr from Atwood (attached).

GSA - for the entire committee meeting

July 16, 1956

Mr. R. B. Atwood
President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

We hate like the mischief to lose you because you are one of our beginners. Nevertheless, I will duly submit your letter to the Executive Committee, which happens to meet in a few days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Kentucky State College

Frankfort, Kentucky

notified 7/16/56

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

July
13th
1956

RECEIVED JUL 16 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I am hereby tendering my resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

My reason for resigning is that I find that I do not have the time to serve in a manner acceptable to myself and to the position.

I am as interested as ever in the program of the Council and will try to give expression to this interest through my work with the Kentucky Council on Human Relations.

Believe me always to be

Very sincerely yours,

R. B. Atwood
President

RBA:wts

CC: Mr. Galen A. Martin

HOTEL CONTINENTAL
facing the beautiful Capitol Plaza
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.
TELEPHONE NATIONAL 8-1672

WM. H. JOYNER
MANAGER

RECEIVED JUL 19 1956

Lewisetta, Va.
July 18, 1956

Dear George,

I am sorry I have to write that it is impossible for me to attend your meeting this week. Our family is here on the Potomac for a vacation. Ordinarily, I'd jump at the opportunity to be with you and the others in the attractive setting of your meeting. Please relate this information to Mr. Alexander.

I am going to make every effort to be present at the Annual Meeting in November.

Best regards to you, your wife and the Flemings.

Sincerely
Paul W.

P.S. Kitty loaned the volume of your fathers. P.

American hospitality in the Continental manner
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NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

ELLEN WINSTON
COMMISSIONER

RALEIGH

July 19, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Acknowledgement is made of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of the Southern Regional Council which was held at Tuskegee in November of 1955. I read them with a great deal of interest. You are to be commended on this excellent report.

I am planning to attend the Board of Directors meeting on November 14. At the present time it will not be possible to give you any specific information relative to the date and hour of my arrival at Tuskegee. I shall send this information by the middle of October so that the necessary reservations may be made.

Please convey my very best regards to the other members of the staff of the Council. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

J. R. Larkins

J. R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work

JRL:fhc

P. O. Box 2505 - 1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte 1, North Carolina
Phone: Franklin 5-6624 - Edison 4-9091

The Carolina Israelite

HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

July 19, 1956

RECEIVED JUL 21 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N. E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am enclosing copy of reprints of the Golden Vertical Negro Plan. I think this would be a very good solution and the newspapermen have promised me to ask each of the legislators of the special session what they think of the Golden Vertical Negro Plan.

Yours truly,

Harry

Harry L. Golden

HLG/m
Encl.

cc: RHA

August 1, 1956

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Very nice to have your letter about the people in Indonesia, Mr. and Mrs. Baird.

I aimed a package at them, but my staff could not believe that I proposed to spend seven dollars and something Air Mail, and sent it by surface. They have sent the same package by Air Mail.

I hate to ask you to write us a check for the postage money, but I guess it is really right. If you will float the seven dollars, we will float the pennies!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council July 20-21 your letter of resignation was read, and with strong expressions of regret accepted. I write this in order that you may know of the official action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I thought the statement to the Legislators, which you so kindly sent me July 27th, was excellent. Well and rightly reasoned. If the State were to do the unexpected and take your advice, things would leap ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

To JC
"A Report to the North Carolina Legislature
by
A Group of Representative Negro Citizens
Drawn from Various Parts of North Carolina"

Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

JOHN H. WHEELER
PRESIDENT

July 27, 1956

RECEIVED JUL 28 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

We are enclosing a copy of the material which a group of North Carolina's Negro citizens presented to the special session of the Legislature called to enact legislation designed to avoid the effect of the United States Supreme Court's decision relating to the public schools.

Mr. L. E. Austin, Editor of the CAROLINA TIMES newspaper heads a "Committee of 100 Citizens" which sponsored our appearance. The enclosed material was presented by me and supported by short statements made by Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw of the A. M. E. Z. Church, Bishop Frank Madison Reid of the A. M. E. Church and Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the General Baptist State Convention (colored) of North Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Wheeler
President

JHW/r
enclosure
cc: Mr. Fred Routh
Mr. John Hope II
Southern School News

P S Within a few days, we shall send you a copy of Attorney Irving Carlyle's recent speech at Chapel Hill. This is one of the most interesting statements made since 1954 by an outstanding citizen of the State.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPEL HILL

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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Board

August 3, 1956

Mr. G.S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am very sorry to hear that the place of meeting of the SRC annual meeting has been changed from Tuskegee to Williamsburg. Ordinarily I would rejoice, because Williamsburg is nearer; but on the strength of the original plan to meet at Tuskegee, I made some commitments in Alabama and Georgia, and I feel morally bound to go through with them. I am afraid I shall have to miss the SRC meeting.

Sincerely,

Guy B. Johnson

Guy B. Johnson

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Carter:

We are no end grateful for that check. I was horrified too by the mount-up; but bravely I spent your money like I was the ECA!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

HODDING CARTER
EDITOR & PUBLISHER

JOHN T. GIBSON
GENERAL MANAGER

The Delta Democrat-Times

Greenville, Mississippi

RECEIVED AUG 6 1956

Dear Mr Mitchell -

Hodding asked me to send you this for stamps -

Thanks for sending the material to the Bands -

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COPY For Mr. G. S. Alexander

Office of the President
ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

August 31, 1956

Special Committee to choose Successor to Dr

Board — Gen Comm.

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans 22
Louisiana

Dear Albert:

Gabriel Alexander has shared your letter of August 24 with me.

It is most important that you be in attendance at the September 20 special committee meeting to consider Dr. Mitchell's successor. If you cannot spend but two days here, I hope that you will come for the 20th and 21st.

Pearl joins in love to you and Jessie.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:c

DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 24, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I have your letter of August 21 stating that Dr. Clement would like to have a meeting on Thursday, September 20 of the committee appointed to consider a possible successor to Dr. Mitchell. I note that the Executive Committee meeting is already scheduled for the 21st and 22nd. It would be very difficult for me to spend three days there. Could you not find a way of having me to do what I need to do in two days?

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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September 9, 1955

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

- We would be delighted to have the Executive Committee meeting at Dillard University on January 20 and 21, 1956.

I can attend the Gatlinburg meeting on October 28 and 29.

So far as I can now tell, the April and July dates are satisfactory to me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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COMMISSIONER

RECEIVED SEP 14 1956

September 13, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Please accept my belated appreciations for the copy of THE NEGRO POTENTIAL. I have given this book a cursory examination and believe that it will certainly be a valuable contribution to the information on the social and economic conditions among Negroes.

I shall look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

J. R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work

JRL:fhc

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September 14, 1966

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October 12, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

According to your recent letter, we have added the names of Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg and Mr. Whitney M. Young to the list of board members as being representatives from the Kentucky Council, in place of Mr. Olof Anderson and Mr. W. H. Perry, Jr.

We have sent these persons notices of the board meeting which will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia on November 14-15, 1956.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assestant

GSA/bsc

October 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I shall be coming in at the airport at Houston the evening of Thursday, October 25, and have written the Texas State Hotel with the request that they save me a room.

I'll call your office a few minutes after opening-time on the 26th, and be at your service all that Friday and Saturday. Am presently booked to leave Houston headed for Atlanta at 10:00 p.m., Saturday night.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 24, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I am holding the whole period, October 26-29, for you and can be at Houston.

I was hoping that you would pick a particular one of those days, or a particular two of those days, so that I could fit the engagements together with some compactness.

But until I hear from you further, I will continue to hold the whole four days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 21, 1956

RECEIVED SEP 24 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am of the opinion that October 26-29 will be the best dates for your proposed visit to the Houston area. Please advise if these dates will be satisfactory to you in order that I may make definite plans to that effect.

See attached p.c.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Charles A. Shaw
President

CAS:gc

September 20, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Most kind of you.

I could be there at any time in the following periods:

October 26-29
November 5-10
November 22-26

And if none of those times would suit, I could arrange something else.

Let me know as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
2208 BOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 18, 1956

RECEIVED SEP 20 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Since returning to my office on September 8th from a visit in the east, I have been quite busy in an effort to get my operational schedule back on a normal basis. At this time, I am writing to ascertain when it will be convenient for you to come on to Houston for the proposed conferences with persons whom I feel may give some financial support to the program of the Southern Regional Council. When I am advised as to the date of your visit, I shall make an effort to adjust my schedule accordingly.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw

Charles A. Shaw
President

CAS/gc

Oct 26-29
Nov 5-10
Nov 22-26

October 29, 1956

Mr. Charles Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Co.
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Nobody could ever have been kinder, and more helpful. The nice thing was to see the esteem and respect which your career had established for you in that great city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo

November 5, 1956

Very Reverend M. V. Shean
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

Here is a copy of Morton Elder's report. I will appreciate your reactions, including any suggestions you may wish to make about the uses of the report.

No hurry, but when you have finished with this I would appreciate your returning it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

- see folder - "Bd - contributions regularly?"

$150.00 as of 12/14/56

November 7, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I did not write you to thank you for your most helpful contribution personally to SRC.

I am suffused with appreciation of all else you have done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I have sent off a long letter to Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, and asked them to make a contribution of $500 to the Southern Regional Council.

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $10.00

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 30, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your visit with me on Friday and Saturday of last week was a most pleasant experience. It is my hope and prayer that as a result of the contacts made by us the Southern Regional Council will profit in the form of new friends and contributors.

I am sending enclosed checks totaling $150.00 which represents donations to the Southern Regional Council as follows:

OK for New South RBA

NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Robinson	2413 Dowling Street	$ 10.00
Dr. G. P. A. Forde	618 Prairie Avenue	10.00
Mr. T. P. Turner	P. O. Box 2097	10.00
Mrs. Ann Robinson	2207 Edmondson Street	10.00
Mr. Palmer Hutcheson, Sr.	Niels Esperson Building	50.00
Charles A. Shaw	P. O. Box 2097	10.00
Watchtower Life Insurance Company	P. O. Box 2097	50.00
	TOTAL	$150.00

Checks $150.00 Rha

I am requesting that "The New South" and other releases be sent to each of these contributors. If any other contributions are received as a result of the contacts made by us, I shall send them on to you.

I anticipate seeing you at Williamsburg, Virginia with a great deal of pleasure. Please give my kindest regards to your associates.

Sincerely yours,

Chas A Shaw

Charles A. Shaw
President

CAS/gc

Enclosures: Checks (6)

November 27, 1956

Mr. M. LaFayette Harris, President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Harris:

My sincere thanks for your kind letter of November 19. I will do my best to justify the confidence which you and the other board members have placed in me.

The findings of our economic study, which I referred to in our luncheon conversation at Williamsburg, are still in a raw state. As soon as the report is ready, I will see that you get a copy promptly. Meanwhile, if you have some earlier need for specific information, let me know and I will try to supply it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 19, 1956

Mr. Harold Fleming
The Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn
Room 432
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Permit me to congratulate you upon the recent challenge which came to you at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Southern Regional Council. Although I was new on the Board, I had no difficulty passing my lot in your favor because of my overwhelming encounter with great praise for your good work and your marvelous spirit by many persons who had been members of the Board for a long time. I am confident that all of us will do everything we can to sustain you in your labors, and I pray that God will give you the strength to go forward in the fine way which has always characterized your endeavors.

I should like so much to have additional information on your findings which you discussed at our luncheon on Wednesday, November 14. You mentioned something of your analysis of the political complexion of counties according to new industries as effected in the recent election. I would be very grateful for this information if you do not object to releasing it at this time. Would you please advise me if such is possible?

Most sincerely yours,

M. LaFayette Harris

M. LaFayette Harris
President

MLH:hlc
Dictaphoned

November 30, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

When I examine my inner-most motives for moving along now, I think they are more protective of the Council and its program than otherwise. Fortunately, the Executive Committee, and at Williamsburg

I declare that is a pity all around. The whole Board would have been so delighted to have seen you; and you would have enjoyed their company.

They had a good tight squabble in the afternoon meeting on the 14th. And one member pushed them to meet that night. They had not long been assembled that night before they began to whiff the possibility of adjournment for good and all. And they drove on through for it and made it. This was at the cost of a number of things. It had a result disappointing to not a few that there was no time during the meeting when the pressure was off and that assemblage of thoughtful southerners could ~~not have~~ put its mind collectively on the processes of change. I mean they just wanted to swap experiences and they got no chance. The man Jimmy Stewart, all the way from Oklahoma City, complained that he had come hoping to hear some general discussions and mainly he had been asked to vote. And now we learn that the other tragedy was that we lost a visit from you.

That was kind of you to crank up and come, and we are deeply grateful.

I would like it if you would get the green blank filled in; your expense in coming was legitimate and right and we should cover it.

When I examine my inner-most motives for moving along now, I think they are more protective of the Council and its program than otherwise. Fortunately, the Executive Committee, and at Williamsburg

the Board, fastened upon Harold Fleming. The staff is delighted, and he will do a better job than I did. We are different, but his is the right temper and quality for this period. And I rather think that foundations will shade things his way.

Provided my house here sells aright, I shall have for the ten years until I am pensionable, a thousand pounds a year. I would starve on that anywhere in the United States. But they tell me that in the highlands of Scotland I will be the richest man about except the Doctor. I can earn up to $400 a year extra without getting ground in the British tax machine. To that small end I will open a two-unit motel where all my U.S. friends are please to come. Most emphatically that includes you and Mrs. Hancock if you get over; and your friends and Virginia Union's friends to the remotest. And each year after I have made my $400 the motel will be free!

Alice and I promise ourselves a leisurely journey by car from Atlanta to New York for a boat that sails March 8th. So it's more than likely that along about March 3 you will find two Mitchells and a funny ford in front of your door on Barton Avenue.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell

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Encl.

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Post Office Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia
Sixteenth of November
Nineteen Fifty-Six

Dr George Mitchell Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Dr Mitchell:

To my great surprise, upon my arrival in Williamsburg on yesterday morning, the meeting had adjourned. Of course I was feeling better but by no means up to par; but my heart and mind were in Williamsburg, so I just had a friend to drive me down for the day. But the fact that you closed Wednesday evening prompts me to believe that everything went well with the Council.

Of course it is needless to say that your leaving the Council has been a source of great heaviness to me. You have stood with us through some trying times that will make great history for tomorrow. You have led us with a firm hand through crisis after crisis and it does not lighten the heart to think that these fine connections will be forever hereafter severed. My hope is that your lines may ever fall in pleasant places. My best wishes and prayers will follow you to your Scottish Highlands. Wherever your lot may be cast you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have tided the Council over a critical period and if for any reason we cannot make the grades ahead we shall be grateful for your having brought us safe thus far. You are leaving us solvent and with a forward-looking program. You dear mother and father, both of whom I knew well, would be proud of you and your record with the Southern Regional Council.

You will leave all of us under a heavy debt of gratitude. I am sure I shall learn later who is to succeed you. My heart had to turned to Harold Fleming; but I am sure there is a good man if the offing.

With fond memories of such fine comradery in a great adventure, I shall remain through the years,

Yours very gratefully,

Gordon B Hancock

Gordon B Hancock

December 14, 1956

Dear Josephine:

Here is a copy of the memorandum on tax exemption which I mentioned to you recently.

HCF:mbo
Enc.

December 17, 1956

Mr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

I have given one-nineteenth of one per cent of my time for some months off and on to a queer side-line; what do you do to keep people from leaving trash? This has relevance to Scotland because the lovliest mountain peaks are said now to be sadly littered.

I went to see a man in the National Park Service in Washington the other day and asked him. He said a most effective measure they have found is to stick up signs saying "You can take it with you."

I have a notion that if you could get this idea passed on to somebody in the student government on the Dillard campus the problems of your Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings would be lessened a bit.

I appreciate your most pretty card for Christmas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Shaw,

December 20, 1956

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council
The Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Weston:

Re my letter the other day: Do not honor that good man Mr. Shaw by sticking him on some Board. Honor him ecclasiastically. I am trying to say make him a Knight of Saint Andrew, but of course I realize we don't have such things!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Hef.

December 26, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have no reason to suppose that Mr. Carter Wesley was anything other than candid in his letter to you of December 20th. Mr. Charles Shaw you may remember. He came to the Williamsburg meeting. Tall, light in color. President of the Watchtower Life Insurance Company in Houston. It wheels some ten million dollars of investments. And Mr. Shaw is much respected in the business and civic life of Houston. He happens also to be a devoted Episcopal layman.

He alone among all of the members of the Finance Committee took the matter seriously; fetched me down to Houston; took me out to see five or six of his friends; collected $150 miscellaneously, and from one oil king collected $500 for us. I think he would make you an excellent man.

Of course now that the meeting is over there is no power to elect him to the Board. There is only the reserve formal authorization of power to elect to the Executive Committee. The exact language of the Minutes of the Williamsburg meeting on that point is as follows:

> Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

I will take no further steps in this matter and will expect that you will initiate action if any at the late January meeting of the Executive Committee.

Shaw is an elected member of the Board in the group whose term of office expires in 1957.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

July 1, 1953

Mr. P. L. Prattis
Executive Editor
PITTSBURGH COURIER
P. O. Box 1828
Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

My dear Mr. Prattis:

Perhaps the courteous gesture would have been to have acknowledged, with thanks, your letter of May 1 and the very stimulating book which reached me shortly afterward. But I have delayed doing so with the hope that the stray ideas I have been turning over in my mind might fall together into a pattern that would make enough sense to pass along to you as a comment on Dr. Barr's revolutionary proposal. Although as yet no completely satisfactory scheme of organization has occurred to me, I am writing you what I have.

The attitudes here in America which may well prevent the early acceptance of Dr. Barr's suggestion for a "World TVA" stem from a stupid branch of isolationist thinking that, while recognizing, superficially, some of the material changes in the world situation, seems incapable of understanding the social and spiritual implications of these changes. For most of us the rapidity of technological change is beyond belief. A few weeks ago, out of curiosity, I asked the public relations office of a local TV station for an estimate of the number of receivers in our immediate area. To my amazement, I learned that there was a TV set available to every three persons within a fifty mile radius. At about the same time that I made this discovery I had occasion to take a trip to a city some four hundred miles away. The fastest train would have taken me there in nine hours; actual flying time was an hour and twenty minutes. In thinking about these things, I began to realize how commonplace they were and how casually I had accepted them. I had come to take for granted the fact that the world is one tenth the size it was in 1918 when the Armistice was signed and that people have available to them new devices of communication undreamed of thirty-five years ago. These commonplace facts have tremendous implications.

Only in the last few years have we here in America become dimly aware of the one and a half billion people of the world who are outside the immediate orbit of NATO activities. Two thirds of them, at least, have not yet taken sides with either the Russians or ourselves; they constitute the almost forgotten major portion of the so-called "free world". As Barr points out, these people are restless, they are hungry and desperate. They will not be content until their demands are satisfied. America has been thrust, willy nilly, into a position of world leadership not only because of her productive capacity and her flair for technological miracles but also, perhaps more significantly, because America is the moral "citadel of democracy"—the symbol of freedom for men everywhere.

It would appear then, on the basis of Dr. Barr's analysis, that our greatest danger lies in our reluctance to accept the challenge of moral leadership thrust upon us by our new status in world affairs. This reluctance is no more clearly demonstrated than by the persistence of discriminatory practices in dealing with the racial and religious minorities within our borders. Thus it happens that there is no group in the world today that occupies a more strategic position in international relations than the fifteen million Negroes in the United States.

They--perhaps I should say, we--are called upon to perform in a new and somewhat unfamiliar role: that of saving America from her own folly. This means, particularly, continuing to an early conclusion the fight to destroy segregation in every phase of American life. But it means more than this. The novelty and strangeness of the role lie not so much in the things we are called upon to do but rather in the reorientation of attitude that is required. The segregation fight now has taken on crucial world significance and can no longer be carried on as a purely selfish racial enterprise. It ties in closely, too, with the program outlined by Dr. Barr which induces a world view instead of a narrow nationalistic one. If America once sees the real issue for democracy which segregation poses, it will be much easier to recognize and to accept the challenge of a hungry world. The accumulated savings over just a few years of relief from the staggering financial burden of segregation would go a long way toward underwriting our, i.e., America's share in an International Development Authority. The speedy elimination of segregation here in America would give a new ring of sincerity to our words about equality and justice throughout the world. Now, it seems to me that it is high time that Negroes understand and appreciate their responsibility and challenge in this new world-setting.

I fear greatly, however, that the prevailing attitudes of Negroes I meet do not give much hope for either early recognition or complete acceptance of the implications of Dr. Barr's exciting proposals. Long preoccupation with the "Negro Problem" has fostered among Negroes a racial isolationism that is just as deadly and self-defeating as isolationism on the national level. The very efforts to break down segregation by law have served to promote segregation by free choice. Negroes tend to be "on edge" in the presence of white people; it is only when they are back behind the ghetto walls that they are completely comfortable. There is a strong sentimental attachment to what are popularly known as "our own institutions." A racial orthodoxy has developed--sometimes referred to as the "Negro Party Line"--to which all good "race" members must adhere under threat of being read out of the party. Appropriate myths have arisen such as the belief that the Mason-Dixon Line divides prejudiced from unprejudiced America; or that southern white people are all "crackers" who are trying to revive the Klan in order to keep Negroes "in place"; or that all southern Negroes are "Uncle Toms" who have to be guided and supervised by their wiser and more militant northern brothers.

Aside from these and other similar isolationist distortions--and somewhat more serious--is the undeniable fact that the continuance of segregation and the consequent delay in the acceptance of the world-citizenship idea, means the perpetuation in power and prestige of some of the very people who have been most outspoken in their opposition to the separatist doctrine. As Frazier and others have pointed out, many Negroes have vested interest in segregation. There are the proprietors of marginal Negro businesses who have managed to survive only because they have been sheltered from competition with whites. Also having a high stake in the continuance of segregation are the top administration officers of Negro educational and religious organizations; the teachers in Negro schools; the publishers of Negro newspapers and magazines; "first" and/or "only" Negroes who have recognition quite out of proportion to their abilities; black major league ballplayers and "high yellow" women; the paid officials of an ever-increasing number of race-relations committees and commissions; liberals, Negro and white, who have become so closely identified with the fight against segregation that they may not be able to adjust to a situation in which the fight is no longer necessary or appropriate. The list could be extended indefinitely.

Perhaps the cream of this isolationist crop is that select group composed of the members of Negro fraternities and sororities. Most of these Greek letter societies came into being as a reaction to discrimination and they still

retain much of the narrow racism that marked their origin. Paradoxically, although these college men and women have provided the intellectual leadership for the Negro Protest, they have at the same time come to constitute the anti-intellectual nucleus of the fashionable set in Negro so-called society. It is among this elite group that racial isolationism has its strongest advocates. Here are the "B--N's" of various and sundry sizes from large to extra large--- here is the ultra-respectable contingent of the Cadillac car class. They have been among the most vehement in their denunciation of the evils of segregation. But the imminent collapse of the system fills them with dread. It is something which they did not anticipate and for which they are completely unprepared. Suddenly they have realized how much their own importance has depended upon segregation. They see their tight little world threatened and they are confused and unhappy at the prospect of its dissolution. They know where they stand as half-citizens of the United States but they are uncertain as to how they would fare as "Citizens of the World."

The moral confusion of the Negro elite seems to me to be the major obstacle to their acceptance of the challenge of world citizenship. It is my conviction that the problem of integrating America into a world community and that of integrating the Negro into American society are not separate and distinct problems but rather two aspects of the same problem. And the solution hinges, primarily, upon the achievement of a new perspective. I have tried to point out some of the difficulties that stand in the way. For Negroes, what is involved is a transfer of allegiance from a racial group to the idea of world cooperation. However necessary racial solidarity may have been in the past in order to give force to the Negro Protest and to counteract racial inferiority feelings, I believe that the time has now come when aggressive race consciousness may be a serious handicap to the assimilative process. At some point, racial self-respect must give way to respect for the dignity of human individual of whatever race or nationality. We should devote our efforts not to bettering race relations but to eliminating them. Perhaps we can come to believe what the anthropologists have been telling us all along: that there is no such entity as the Negro race, or, for that matter, any other race.

Do not mistake me. I do not believe that the millenium is "just around the corner". Nor do I believe that the impending Supreme Court decisions will automatically and immediately bring about a change in attitudes toward Negroes in the United States. But I do contend that to become citizens of the world we must begin to think in world terms rather than racial terms. We have got to revamp our point of view so as to take into account the technological advances that have occurred in the last few decades. People like yourself who exert some influence upon public opinion, can do much to hasten this reorientation.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO OUR NEAREST AND BEST FRIENDS, OUR MEMBERS:

Greetings!

There have been various changes in the structure of the Southern Regional Council. We would like to explain it all in this letter.

You will have beard that last April the Fund for the Republic undertook substantial new assistance to SRC. We asked them for the money in order to make possible the employment of professional staff by twelve active Southern state-wide organizations in the field of race relations.

The membership meeting of the Southern Regional Council on May 14, 1953, authorized a change in the By-Laws which would enable persons, presently members of the Council, to be members directly (and only) of state organizations affiliated with the Council. These new By-Laws were made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954. Therefore, as soon as your state organization is in working order, your membership will be transferred to it. The new state programs are designed to give you greater opportunity to work together within each state toward common objectives.

It is expected that the members in each state will choose a Board or Executive Committee, which will employ and closely direct the staff personnel. The main condition which is attached to the aid from this office to each state organization is the determination to move toward a self-sustaining organization. During the next three years, it will be necessary for each state to raise substantial contributions towards its own budget. Assistance to the states from the central office will be on a diminishing scale.

In the first year, the state organization must raise a minimum of $1800.; in the second year, $3.500.; and in the third year, $6,500. Your total state budget may be what you please, but SRC's contribution towards it for the first year will be about $13,000. per state.

The Southern Regional Council itself, under the new By-Laws, becomes a Board of Directors electing its officers and Executive Committee, and directing the central office staff. Each state organization is entitled to have on the Southern Regional Council's Board, its chairman and one other person elected by the state organization.

As the purpose of the whole program is to launch strong independent state organizations, the central office staff will be kept at a minimum figure, for such coordination of effort and policy as the Board may direct.

You will continue to be kept in touch with developments of concern to the entire region, and within your own state, through New South and other publications of the Council. Membership in your state organization will carry with it subscription to New South. SRC will continue to accept subscriptions to New South from individuals. Persons who live outside the Southern region but who wish to have a part in the Southern Regional Council continue as associate members. The annual contribution for associate members will be $5.00 after January 1, 1955.

Program for your state organization will be your own matter, provided that the work of the state group is strictly non-political and is within the general purposes of the Southern Regional Council. We assume that each state organization will wish to give priority to implementation of the Supreme Court decision on public schools.

The officers of your state organization will be in touch with you and will count on your continued interest and cooperation in making and carrying out your state's program.

Yours sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

September 8, 1954

Dr. H. W. Williamston
Oklahoma Conference of Branches of
N.A.A.C.P.
103 Enid Avenue
Idabel, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Williamston:

Dismally I find that my calendar has had for many months a requirement that I be in Boston, November 17, 18, and 19, at a meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. I promised to speak there the night of the 17th. I used to be on its Board and the meeting is important and I simply can't get out of it.

I would delight to be with the Oklahoma State Conference of Branches of the NAACP if I could, but there just isn't any way for me to get there.

I offer you my assistant, Fred Routh, lately of Miami, who, I am sure will be glad to come over for his expenses, which wouldn't amount to more than $150.00. But I acknowledge that that is a long way and a heavy expense for one whom I recommend strongly as an able speaker, but someone whom you don't know.

Routh has been a teacher of human relations at the University of Miami, and was instrumental in setting up the Dade County Council on Community Relations — the first publicly sponsored race relations organization in the Southeast.

Give me another chance sometime and I will love to be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Fred Routh ✓

This letter sent to:

Tennessee - Mr. F. Woods Beckman
Miss Elsie Lewis

Texas - Mrs James S. Crate
Mrs. Aycox
Thomas Sutherland

South Carolina - Dick Foster
Mrs. Marion Paul
Mr. A. J. Clement
Mrs. Spearman

North Carolina - Mr. Leon Russell
Mr. John Wheeler
Harry S. Jones

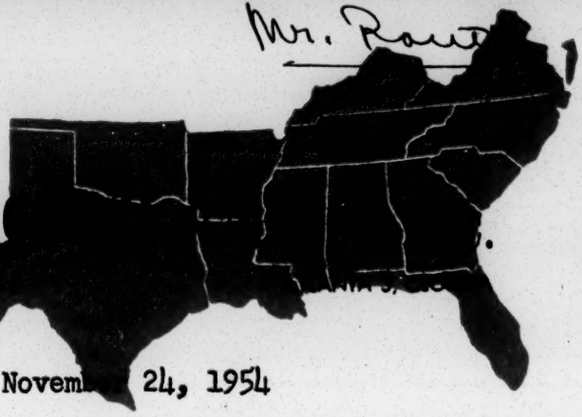
Louisiana - Father Twomey
Bruce Nouma Rousseve
Milton Vigo
Albert D'Orlando
Albert W. Dent

Kentucky - Hugh Brimm
Parrish
Sanders

Georgia - Clary
Brazeal
Wells

Alabama - Dan C. Whitsett
J. T. Brooks
Robert Hughes

Mr. Rout



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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Novem 24, 1954

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear

The Board of the Southern Regional Council, in session November 10, considered at length the matter of the central office's relationship with the state organizations. The question is one of balance between central guidance toward some uniformity in policy and program by the state groups, and encouragement of a sense of independence by the state groups as they build programs that will give them taproots in their respective states and self-reliance after the period of SRC subsidy comes to an end.

The Board feels keenly the importance of the Council having opportunity to review and advise as to proposed state programs: Accordingly, the following motion was passed by the Board: "That each state organization be asked to submit to the central office a copy of its broad program for the year 1955, such program to be submitted by January 1, 1955."

The Southern Regional Council central staff is presently developing a memorandum setting forth our collective views on the program objectives and techniques that have proved effective in the past and seem applicable to the present situation. This memorandum will be broad and suggestive, on the assumption that each state should and will plan its own program in the light of local conditions and resources. We realize that the deadline is short and will undertake to get our memorandum to you as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, we give you this notice that the request for your 1955 plans has been made, and ask you to get ahead with the thinking and planning in the next few days, not waiting until we can get out longer memo to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 15, 1954

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

The following people attended the Conference of Educational Leaders at Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 26th and 27th. It was this Conference which adopted the statement appearing in the November, 1954 issue of New South. We think you might wish to cultivate them for membership in your group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

L. M. Christophe
Little Rock

Lawrence A. Davis
Pine Bluff

Charles A. Hicks
Little Rock

Frank W. Smith
Little Rock

M. L. Harris
Little Rock

Edna M. Douglass
Little Rock

bc: GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dunlap:

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Executive Director

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Richard Moore
Daytona Beach, Florida

Gilbert L. Porter
Tallahassee, Florida

Royal W. Puryear
St. Augustine, Florida

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FBR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Brimm:

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Executive Director

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Rufus B. Atwood
Frankfort

P. L. Guthrie
Lexington

Mrs. Anita W. Robinson
Louisville

bc: GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

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Executive Director

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L. A. Alexander
Jackson

J. R. Otis
Alcorn

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FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville 20, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

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James A. Colston
Knoxville

Walter W. Gibson
Memphis

Charles S. Johnson
Nashville

C. A. Kirkendoll
Jackson

Hollis Price
Memphis

Daniel Thomas Rolfe
Nashville

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FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend Dan C. Whitsett
First Methodist Church
Sylacauga, Alabama

Dear Dan:

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W. A. Bell
Birmingham

J. F. Drake
Normal

Arthur D. Gray
Talladega

Samuel B. May
Tuscaloosa

H. Councill Trenholm
Montgomery

Luther Foster
Tuskegee Institute

bc: GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend C. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

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Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta

C. L. Harper
Atlanta

John H. Lewis
Atlanta

Albert E. Manley
Atlanta

Benjamin E. Mays
Atlanta

Harry Richardson
Atlanta

bc: GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

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Executive Director

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Felton G. Clark
Baton Rouge

Albert W. Dent
New Orleans

R. W. E. Jones
Grambling

George Longe
New Orleans

bc; GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend Leon C. Russell
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

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Ferdinand D. Bluford
Greensboro

L. S. Cozart
Concord

Samuel E. Duncan
Raleigh

W. L. Greene
Raleigh

David D. Jones
Greensboro

Hardy Liston
Charlotte

J. W. Seabrook
Fayetteville

William R. Strassner
Raleigh

Harold L. Trigg
Raleigh

F. D. Williams
Elizabeth City

bc: GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foster:

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Executive Director

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J. A. Bacoats
Columbia, South Carolina

Samuel R. Higgins
Columbia, South Carolina

Cornell A. Johnson
Columbia, South Carolina

Walter E. Solomon
Columbia, South Carolina

bc: GTH
FBR ✓
CHP

December 15, 1954

Reverend C. Emerson Smith
Virginia Council of Churches, Inc.
109 West Grace Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Emerson:

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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L. C. Downing
Roanoke

Booker T. Bradshaw
Richmond

bc: GTH
FHR
CHP

December 15, 1954

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Milton K. Curry
Marshall

William H. Jones
Austin

Wardell D. Thompson
Prarie View

Leslie J. White
Austin

Cleo Blackburn
Hawkins, Texas

D. R. Glass
Tyler, Texas

bc: GTH
FBR
CHP

January 26, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

There are various small items in the draft of minutes of the Program Planning Committee meeting of January 8th, at which my recollection differs from the minutes.

Mid-page 1. "regretted the absence of the Executive Director." True that the Executive Director had been out of town (presumably) at the time of some or all of the previous meetings, but it is also the case that he had not been told of nor asked to any previous meetings.

Mid-page 2. For whole business substitute whole purpose.

Page 4. Fifth line from the bottom, in my opinion, should read "unwise to 'even consider proposing such use of funds until after the central office had raised its allotted amount'."

Page 5. II, 7 and 8, should read: "it would defeat the cooperative arrangement originally intended. He thought," etc.

Page 6. 6th line from bottom, should read "Dr. Mitchell said that he had brought before the Executive Committee all proposals from program and projects, and had reported . . . . "

Page 7. Just below mid-page, should read "idea was OK, and if not he urged them to something else."

Delete at bottom of page beginning "need was . . ." through words "bi-racial hiring" at top of next page.

Page 8. Bottom line, should read "gotten going at their present level of activity.

Next to last line, substitute commendable for remarkable.

Page 9. Line 8. Substitute recalled for found.

Delete last sentence in that paragraph, beginning "He was to report, through February."

Page 10. Line 5. Substitute little for nothing.

Eighth line from bottom, between not and been insert as yet.

We are all grateful to you and the others for effort and thought and time. These small corrections seem to me worth proposing for the sake of accuracy and conformity with general organizational purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: GTH
FR ✓
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KS

Sent to:

SRC Executive Committee

State Secretaries

Consultants

Executive Boards of Kentucky
Florida
South Carolina
Arkansas
Alabama
Mississippi
Texas
North Carolina
Louisiana
Tennessee
Georgia

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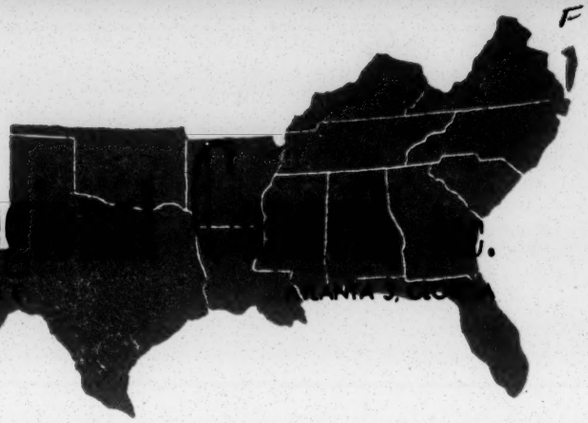

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO: Staff and Board Members of State Organizations

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant Director for Program

We believe that you will be interested in knowing about some of the ways in which state organizations are using SRC publications to further their programs:

TENNESSEE: The Tennessee Council on Human Relations sent Answers for Action to all school superintendents and chairmen of school boards in their state. This was accompanied by a letter introducing the TCHR as an affiliate of the SRC, organized to help improve human relations in Tennessee and specifically interested in enlisting public support to carry out the Supreme Court decision.

KENTUCKY: The Kentucky Council on Human Relations is developing a list of key people in the state to whom New South will be sent for a year. The Board members of the KCHR and their consultants and staff are cooperatively building this list. Copies of Changing Patterns have been sent "complements of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations" to some of these people.

The announcement of Changing Patterns (enclosed) is being sent to public libraries in cities of 20,000 population and to college libraries throughout the region. We are sure that you will encourage its use by college and community groups.

We count upon your increased efforts to enlarge the audience of New South. We will be happy to hear from you as to whether our estimate of 300 new readers from each state is too high or too low. We urge you to consider the following groups in your state as prospective readers -- newspaper editors, ministers, church women groups, school board members, teachers and members of other professional organizations, the professional and lay leadership of social welfare agencies.

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Marked "For Your Information" and mailed to

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State Chairman and Vice-Chairman

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FOR RELEASE 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 6, '55

STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nine months have passed since the Supreme Court held segregation in the public schools unconstitutional. Although the Court has not yet handed down its implementation decrees, school segregation is already disappearing in four of the 17 states chiefly affected, as well as in the District of Columbia and in states where segregation has been permissive. How quickly and harmoniously the remaining states bring their practices into accord with the law of the land will depend on the quality of leadership, public and private, displayed by the South in the months ahead.

We believe that this is a time for Southerners to take stock, to look realistically at the challenge confronting the region and at our resources for meeting it wisely and well. As one effort in this direction, we here summarize our collective view of the impact to date of the Supreme Court's decision.

* * *

School desegregation is proceeding successfully in some 80 out of 129 border-state counties where separate schools were formerly required by law. The significance of this fact -- indeed, the fact itself -- has been obscured by the widespread publicity given disturbances in a few localities. It is less sensational. but far more important, that this many counties have adjusted successfully in so

short a time to the principle of the school decision. Their experience currently demonstrates to the world that American democracy has the vigor and capacity to solve its thorny racial problems. The entire country owes a heavy debt of gratitude to the hundreds of private citizens and public officials whose allegiance to the law of the land made this progress possible.

Although these communities are in border states, they are nonetheless places where segregation has been embedded in law and custom for generations. What can be done in Missouri, Delaware, Maryland, and West Virginia can be and ultimately will be done in those states where political stratagems now deny Southerners of good will the opportunity to work similarly toward compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

* * *

In the upper South and the Southwest, several states are preparing soundly for early compliance. But others pursue a policy of "wait and see" that might better be described as "look the other way." Planning and even consideration of the desegregation process is discouraged on the ground that no action is now required and none may be required for a long time. Such an attitude promotes paralysis of public thought, and thereby forfeits a valuable opportunity for advance discussion and planning to insure smooth transition to integrated schools.

The Court has said unequivocally that legal segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional. Its implementation decrees will hardly fail to make this ruling effective. Nor is it reasonable to expect the Court to allow an indefinite period of delay. This interim period is precisely the time for joint fact-finding and planning by all elements of the community.

* * *

In four of the deep South states -- South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana -- the official leadership is busily creating dangerous illusions and

enacting defiant measures. Some political leaders in these states are assuring the people that the schools will remain segregated indefinitely, if not forever, even though public education may be abolished in the process. These threats and the legal stratagems devised to carry them out are better adapted to hoodwink the people than to preserve segregation.

Most of these measures impose heavy penalties on any local authorities or school systems that choose voluntarily to comply with the Supreme Court ruling. Ironically, the proponents of these measures are the same spokesmen who repeat over and over that most Negroes and virtually all white persons will defend segregation at any cost. Obviously they do not believe their own words.

Moreover, leading Southern authorities on constitutional law who have examined these circumventing measures have agreed that they are dodges and will not stand in court.

There are truths that need saying in the deep South. There is a wide range of information that should be made known through every medium. Views of every kind need to be freely and fully aired. Instead, there is presently a concerted attempt by official leadership to stamp out independent thought and stifle all dissent with respect to school segregation. Consequently it is imperative that responsible Southerners confirm the fact that vast numbers of us will not defy the United States Constitution, the teachings of our religion, and the prevailing opinions of the free world.

Despite all the bluster of the demagogues, most Southerners recognize that segregation is on the way out. Not all of them are happy about it, but they see it as an evident reality. Few would actually be willing to jettison their public schools and throw their educational systems into a dark age of confusion and chaos.

Those who advocate such a course do irreparable harm to the progress of the South and to the cause of freedom throughout the world. But fortunately they

will not have the last word. In the end, the people of the region will reject those who would lead them down the blind alley of rebellion. There are thousands of Southerners, white and Negro, for whom the demagogues do not speak, and whose voices have been little heard above the din of controversy. Ultimately these responsible Southern voices will repudiate fraudulent leadership on the school segregation issue. Speaking together, they can give the region a new confidence in its capacity for democratic growth.

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We in the Southern Regional Council reaffirm our belief that the vast majority of Southerners accept what is now the law of the land, want to have done with bitterness and obstruction, and are willing to meet on equal terms with their fellow citizens and find the best ways to move ahead. The Council strongly recommends local planning by citizens of the two races as the soundest means of preparing for compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

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Released to: - with statement

New York Times
Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Associated Negro Press
NCWC News Service

Atlanta Constitution & Journal
Atlanta Daily World

Norfolk Journal and Guide
Houston Informer
Birmingham World
Pittsburgh Courier (Fowlkes)

Bicknell Eubanks (Chr. Sc. Monitor)
Henry Lesesne (Monitor & Herald-Tribune)
Henry Lee Moon (NAACP -- Info.)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

FOR RELEASE 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 6 1955(?)

The executive committee of the Southern Regional Council today urged "joint fact-finding and planning by all elements of the community" to prepare for compliance with the Supreme Court's school segregation decision.

The group made its recommendation in a statement reviewing Southern reactions to the court's ruling to date.

The Southern Regional Council is an interracial organization made up of civic and religious leaders in 13 Southern states. Its stated aim is the attainment of "equal opportunity for all the South's people."

The committee criticized official leadership in the deep South for "a concerted attempt to stamp out independent thought and stifle all dissent with respect to school segregation."

The committee declared, "There are thousands of Southerners, white and Negro, for whom the demagogues do not speak, and whose voices have been little heard above the din of controversy. Ultimately these responsible Southern voices will repudiate fraudulent leadership on the school issue."

It noted that measures recently enacted in the deep South "impose heavy penalties on any local authorities or school systems that choose voluntarily to comply with the Supreme Court ruling."

"Moreover," it added, "Southern authorities on constitutional law who have examined these measures have agreed that they are dodges and will not stand in court."

Successful school desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties affected, the committee said, demonstrates to the world that American democracy has the vigor and capacity to solve its thorny racial problems.

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"The entire country," the statement continued, "owes a heavy debt of gratitude to the hundreds of private citizens and public officials whose allegiance to the law of the land made this progress possible."

The committee said that several states in the upper South and Southwest were preparing soundly for early compliance. But it deplored what it called a policy of "look the other way" in other states in those areas.

"Such an attitude," the statement declared, "promotes paralysis of public thought, and thereby forfeits a valuable opportunity for advance discussion and planning to insure smooth transition to integrated schools."

The committee called on "responsible Southerners" to "confirm the fact that vast numbers of us will not defy the United States Constitution, the teachings of our religion, and the prevailing opinions of the free world."

The executive committee members signing the statement were Marion A. Wright, Council president, Linville Falls, N.C.; Morris Abram, lawyer, Atlanta; Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie, lawyer, Atlanta; Paul Christopher, labor official, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president, Atlanta University; John A. Griffin, educator, Atlanta.

Also Rev. Harry V. Richardson, president, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta; Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, Dean of the Oratory, Rock Hill, S.C.; Miss Josephine Wilkins, civic leader, Atlanta; Dr. Albert W. Dent, president, Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; Dr. Gordon B. Hancock, professor emeritus, Virginia Union University; Carter Wesley, newspaper publisher, Houston, Tex.; Leonard Haas, lawyer, Atlanta; Dr. George S. Mitchell, Council executive director, Atlanta.

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Mailed to:

SRC Executive Committee

State Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

State Professional Staff

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

To: Executives of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC

From: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program

We enclose for your information a release from the President's Committee on Government Contracts which defines the responsibility of the Committee. You may receive upon request the monthly NEWSLETTER which reports activities of the Committee. The March issue of the NEWSLETTER reports that

(1) Executive Order 10557 specified that the non-discrimination clause must be included in all Federal contracts.

(2) On January 13, 1955 the Committee issued an exemption authorizing agencies to omit the requirement that the non-discrimination notice be posted from contracts where the amounts involved were less than $5,000.00.

(3) At its January meeting the Committee denied a request from the Department of the Interior to exempt a contract which the Bureau of Indian Affairs wished to make with the State of Mississippi from the requirement to include the non-discrimination clause. The Department stated that Mississippi had refused to sign a contract containing the non-discrimination clause. The exemption was denied on the grounds that it would not be in the national interest to do so.

(4) There is no central list of government contracts available. However, the Department of Commerce issues a bulletin, "Synopsis of U.S. Government Proposed Procurement, Sales and Contract Awards." All instances of discrimination in employment may be brought to the attention of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. The Committee will determine whether or not the industry cited in the complaint has a contract with the Federal Government.

The following questions might be considered by groups which have an interest in halting the waste resulting from discriminatory employment practices.

1. Who has contracts in a given community? A survey could be made to determine the location of defense plants and industries with government contracts.

2. Is the directive being followed in the industries with contracts?

   Is the required notice of non-discrimination in employment prominently posted?

3. What is the extent of public knowledge of the Committee's responsibility?

4. What other agencies and organizations are interested in this matter?

   What are the possibilities for cooperating with Urban Leagues of American Friends Service Committee Job Opportunities Projects, other organized groups?

You may receive further copies of "Equal Job Opportunity is Good Business" and the other materials enclosed bearing on economic opportunities from the Southern Regional Council.

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enclosures:
Equal Job Opportunity is Good Business
Business Week Reprint (12/18/54) - Negro Income
New South - Oct.-Nov. 1953

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Reverend Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the Alabama Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR ✓
CHP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Reverend G. E. Clary
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

Here is a matter in which there needs to be agreement between the Florida Council on Human Relations and the Southern Regional Council. It is a question of the sum of money which the Florida Council will need to raise before September 30, 1955, in order to qualify for assistance from SRC for the fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955.

It will be remembered that in Memorandum #1, SRC undertook to provide assistance in a first period ending September 30, 1955, of about $13,200 to each state, expecting each state to employ staff about October 1, 1954. At the same time it was made clear that it would be necessary for each state to raise on its own (before September 30, 1955) at least $1800.

Obviously, Florida does not intend to get underway with paid staff until April 15th or May 1st.

Obvious, also, that this should reduce Florida's obligation to raise money on its own.

$1800 divided by twelve is $150. Florida then will be required to raise five times $150 (five months period, May through September), or $750 before September 30, 1955. It ought to be remembered also that SRC has expended from its allotment for the operation of the Florida Council approximately $400. This comprises travel at the request of the Florida Council by Fred Routh, and the expenses of the various committee gatherings. If you could raise another $50 to $100, that amount would offset what has already been spent from your allotment.

In any case, we would like the Florida Council to make a clear commitment now to raise at least $750 before September 30, 1955. And it would be well if the amount could be $800 or $850.

Renewal of our aid for the coming fiscal year is necessarily conditioned upon the raising of the stipulated amount from each state council.

It will, of course, be recalled that what we expect to be in position to give you in the next fiscal year is $10,500 and it will be necessary for Florida to raise in that fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, $3,500, if we are to help you again after October 1, 1956.

What you collect in dues (including the $2.00 from each dues payment that come in to SRC as subscription to New South) and contributions to the Florida Council would be the ordinary sources for your raising the sums agreed.

I will be grateful if you will write me that you clearly understand that the Florida Division has this obligation to raise at least $750 before September 30, 1955. (Assuming you begin with paid staff about May 1.) You ought to do more if you can, of course. The money does not come to us in any case; it stays in your own treasury.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Mr. Hugh Brimm
Carver School of Missions and Social Work
2801 Lexington Road
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Hugh:

We have for decision the matter of the sum that the Kentucky Council on Human Relations will need to raise on its own before September 30, 1955, in order to qualify for renewal of aid from the Southern Regional Council for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955.

The states that began with paid staff in the normal manner, October 1, 1954, took on an obligation to raise at least $1800 each.

We are calculating our assistance to the Kentucky Council on a basis of ten months aid and not twelve months. That is to say that we have set December 1, 1954 as your beginning date. One-twelfth of $1800 is $150. Therefore, Kentucky ought to raise ten times $150, or $1500, before September 30, 1955.

What you take in in dues, including the $2.00 per member sent on to us as subscription to New South will count against the $1500. So, also, do contributions to the Kentucky Council. You do not send in the $1500to us; it all stays in Kentucky and applies itself against your budget. The same thing applies to anything in excess of $1500, which you spend this year or save to help you next year.

Do write me that you have reviewed this matter with your Finance Committee, and that it is clearly understood that the Kentucky Council has to show us by September 30, 1955 that it has raised $1500 at least.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Reverend Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations would receive for the fiscal year 1 October, 1954-September 30, 1955, a sum of $13,200 and would be required to raise $1800 as a minimum. We have consequently written saying that monies would be paid to your organization on a pro-rata basis for the actual months of operation with professional staff. Also, we said that you would have to raise money on a pro-rata basis.

In the case of Mississippi your organization will have operated for nine months at the terminal date of the first fiscal year of assistance. Nine-twelfths of $1800 amounts to $1350 and you must raise that amount to be eligible for a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year when we can allot to each state a sum of $10,500.

Please write me a confirming reply that this arrangement is understood by the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Reverend Leon Russell
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Russell:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SRC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Mr. Richard J. Foster
Curb Market Building
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Foster:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations organized by 1 October, 1954 and receiving aid from SHC are required to raise at least $1800 before the end of the fiscal year, 30 September, 1955, in order to get a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year.

Such is the case with your state organization. Please write me a confirming reply stating that this arrangement is understood by the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. And note that you will be asked to show, just prior to 30 September, 1955, that your organization has raised the stipulated sum.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc : CHP
MBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

We have been talking about what requirement should be made of the states that got started with paid staff after October 1, 1954, in the way of their own fund-raising. The problem is to meet on a pro-rata basis month for month the obligation of each state to produce on its own a sum proportionate to the $1800 that each state which began with paid staff October 1, 1954, is required to raise.

One-twelfth of $1800 is $150. So we expect that each state getting going with paid staff will raise before September 30, 1955 at least $150 for each month of operation with paid staff.

Thus, if you begin with paid staff May 1st, the Tennessee Council's obligation would be $750, to be raised before September 30, 1955. The money doesn't come to us; it stays in your treasury, and helps you meet your budget. The same with any money you raise above $750. What you take in in dues (including the $2.00 for each dues payment that comes in to us as subscription to New South), and contributions to the Tennessee Council will comprise your intake.

Please write me a confirming reply that the Tennessee Council's obligation to raise at least $150 per month of operation with paid staff is clearly understood.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR ✓
CHP

cc: Mr. Griswold
FBR ✓
CHP

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

With the several states which are getting started with paid staff after October 1, 1954 (Arkansas among them), there is the problem of what amount this office should expect these particular states to raise on their own before September 30, 1955.

Our standard offer to the state groups made originally in Memorandum #1, was for assistance from this office at a rate of approximately $13,200 during the period of October 1, 1954 - September 30, 1955; each such assisted state being required to raise on its own a minimum of $1800 in that period. Obviously, as Arkansas will not have received twelve months assistance it will hardly be required to raise $1800 on its own.

It seems to us right to fix Arkansas' minimum on a pro rata basis month for month of aid. That works out at $150 per month for the period from April 15 - September 30, 1955, or a total of $825.

Under the terms of our grant from the Fund for the Republic, renewal of SRC aid to a state organization for the period October 1, 1955, to September 30, 1956 will be conditioned upon the raising by such state organization of the required amounts. So I am thus stating formally that it will be necessary for the Arkansas Council on Human Relations to raise $825 before September 30, 1955.

If you begin with paid staff later than April 15, the amount would be proportionately less, though we wish you to get going as soon as possible.

Dues and contributions are the ordinary sources of the amounts raised by the state groups. We consider that the $2.00 you will be sending in to SRC as subscriptions to New South for each of your members who pay dues to you will count as money that you raise.

I send an extra copy of this letter for you to send on to Mr. Griswold.

I would appreciate a confirming reply from you that it is clearly understood in the Arkansas Council on Human Relations that this must be raised before September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
FBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

What we call the ordinary fiscal arrangement is with the states which took on paid staff beginning October 1, 1954. We have been making available to those states a sum on the order of $13,200, and they obligated themselves from the beginning to raise, before September 30, 1955, a minimum of $1800 toward their whole budget.

Next year we give something less and they raise something more.

In the case of the several states getting started with paid staff later than October 1st, it seems to us that the amount required to be raised should be reduced pro rata month for month. One-twelfth of $1800 is $150. Therefore it seems to us that Virginia should raise at least $150 for each month after it takes on paid staff, and before September 30, 1955. Thus, for example, assuming you took on paid staff in Virginia May 1st, Virginia will have to produce on its own $750 before September 30, 1955.

What you take in in dues (including the $2.00 for each dues payment that comes on to us as subscription to New South), and contributions to the Virginia Council, would comprise the sum you would have to raise.

Again, the money does not come to us; we merely need to be shown that you raised it. You keep it in your own treasury and spend it for your own budget. And the more you raise this year the more you have left over for next year's budget.

Please write me that you understand this arrangement, and that the Virginia Council will expect to adhere to it.

We cannot assist Virginia in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955, unless the appropriate sum has been raised by Virginia.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

April 6, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

You will recall that in Memorandum #1 from this office it was stipulated that state organizations would receive for the fiscal year 1 October, 1954-30 September, 1955, a sum of $13,200 and would be required to raise $1800 as a minimum. We have consequently written saying that monies would be paid to your organization on a pro-rata basis for the actual months of operation with professional staff. Also, we said that you would have to raise money on a pro-rata basis.

In the case of Texas your organization will have operated for eleven months at the terminal date of the first fiscal year of assistance. Eleven-twelfths of $1800 is $1650 and you must (by September 30, 1955) have raised at least that amount to be eligible for a renewal of aid for the next fiscal year when we propose a basic allotment to each state of $10,500.

Please write me a confirming reply that this arrangement is understood by the Texas Council on Race Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR ✓
CHP

FBR

Enclosure:

CLSA Reports - Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress

Sent to:

Alabama: Hughes
Arkansas: Griswold
Florida: Finner
Georgia: Wells
Kentucky: Dagen
Louisiana: Vigo
Mississippi: Lyells
North Carolina: Jones
South Carolina: Spearman
Tennessee: Beckman
Texas: Sutherland
Virginia: Smith

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

29 April 55

Am sending you the enclosed proposed statute for the permanent files of your state organization.

While it may be some time before such legislation is probable in the Southern states, and while our organization may not engage in the advocacy of legislation, it is important to have a working knowledge of what such legislation might include.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 20, 1955

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

I got your letter of May 19th and I think I have got a plan that will be really useful.

The tiny town of Pembroke, North Carolina, is at the center of a farming community of nearly 20,000 people, mainly of American-Indian descent. The state of North Carolina has long operated separate schools for the Indian people there, and they have a college called Pembroke College -- mostly to train teachers, perhaps. The President of the college is named Harry Wellons, a white man. The college has a guest room which was to have been empty June 5th, 6th and 7th. I have talked with Mr. Wellons by phone and the college will be delighted to be host to Jaipaul those days.

Years ago through the help of others I had the pleasure of seeing one of the Pembroke young men through Ohio State University. His name is Abner Nash Locklear. Locklear is living on a small farm three miles from Pembroke with his pretty Indian wife and numerous babies. Locklear is now a vocational agriculture teacher in Pembroke High School. The county agriculture officials include one or more Indian county agents who would be delighted to join with Abner Locklear in seeing to it that Mr. Jaipaul gets a good look at agriculture in that neighborhood.

I have not been able to reach Abner Locklear, but Harry Wellons said that he would see Locklear and that, as Locklear's teaching duties are over four or five days from now, he is satisfied Locklear would be free to take charge of Jaipaul's time. Wellons is in the throes of Commencement those days and can do little more than offer the college's hospitality. Jaipaul would be lodged at the college guest room without charge, but it would be needful for Jaipaul to pay for Jaipaul's meals.

At this remove I cannot tell you how to work out transportation for Jaipaul from Raleigh in the course of Sunday, June 5th, to Pembroke. But note that Pembroke is on the main North-South line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The ACL runs southward thirty miles or so east of Raleigh, and I believe that if there is a train suitable as to its time Jaipaul could catch the train at Selma (around, say, thirty miles east of Raleigh) and thence ride direct to Pembroke. Pembroke is no great shakes of a town and the ACL might fuss about stopping its train there, but if it is a non-scheduled stop, I am satisfied that a call from your office to the ACL office in Washington would contrive the stopping of the train at Pembroke.

Alternatively, there is, of course, bus transportation from Raleigh to Fayetteville, North Carolina, and on to Pembroke, though it would be pokey.

By good fortune, Wellons has a son newly appointed as a Junior Foreign Service Officer at New Delhi.

The American-Indian community into which Jaipaul would be going is of much special interest. History conjectural. My best guess is that they were originally the tag-ends of a dozen tribes -- civilized and English-speaking as early as 1750 -- who refugeed into what was then the Great Swamp of the Lumber region. Doubtless, also, some run-away slaves refugeed in the same swamp, and in subsequent decades the Indian people became somewhat intermixed with Negro and with white blood. This is not spoken of except when one knows the people intimately, and in every ordinary purpose the people around Pembroke are simply "Indians."

Happily, as a people who have known discrimination themselves, they are not unappreciative of the needs and problems of the Negro people among and around them. Notice, also, that only fifteen years ago two-thirds at least of the Indian farm families were sharecroppers on the heathen contract called the "thirds." They did all the work, got none of the capital, and got a third of the crop. Largely as a result of special governmental efforts the Indians are quite predominantely now a land-owning people. The cleared former swamp lands are rich and they do famously with tobacco and cotton and many new crops. The landlords, incidentally, were traditionally Scotch.

As you know, I do my best to contrive for the visitors who would be interested, a look at the changes that have occurred as well as the problems that remain in the old Plantation Belt. Pembroke is right in it!

By other good fortune, the college has just been host to a representative of the Mexican Embassy, and they know the ropes on showing a visitor about agriculturally.

If you can contrive carriage by train or bus for Jaipaul to Pembroke, that would be wisest; though I am satisfied that if no carriage can be contrived my friends at Raleigh, the Crittendens, would make the long drive down to Pembroke and back. But I prefer not to ask that if avoidable.

Now come back to the matter of the Southern Regional Council conference near Chapel Hill. It is over at lunch-time Friday, June 3rd. It is at a spot probably fifteen miles from the airport. So I see little wisdom in trying to get Jaipaul to the last couple of hours of the conference. Better to have him ride the plane as booked to arrive at the Raleigh-Durham airport by Friday, June 3rd, Flight 527 at 1:24 p.m. I will ask the Crittendens to meet him there.

By another bit of good fortune, I board at the Raleigh-Durham airport Friday, June 3rd, the same Flight 527 which Jaipaul will be deplaneing from. He gets in at 1:24, the plane and I go out at 1:40. So he and I and the Crittendens -- luck being with us -- should have ten minutes together at the airport.

Therefore, Jaipaul's schedule under this arrangement becomes:

Arrives Raleigh-Durham at 1:24 p.m, Friday, June 3rd, will be met by the Crittendens who will take him to their home, 1537 Caswell Street in Raleigh. Telephone number 3-6864. In the custody and, perhaps, the hospitality of the Crittendens June 3rd, 4th, and part of Sunday, June 5th.

June 5th from Raleigh to Pembroke. If possible Jaipaul should contrive to be at Pembroke by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, June 5th in order to attend President Wellons' reception. Sleeps June 5th, 6th and 7th at Pembroke College's guest room, under the suzerainty of Harry Wellons and mainly under the guidance of Abner Nash Locklear, vicinity of Prospect, near Pembroke. I am writing Locklear.

June 8th, returns to Washington. That transportation you should also attempt to work out. I suggest ACL again, which will have trains direct from Pembroke to Richmond and thence without change via R.F. & P. to Washington. Doubtless there is a sleeper, but probably also involving unearthly hours of boarding.

Quite all right for this letter or a copy to be forwarded to Jaipaul, but because of the delicacy of the matters of race, it should not be shown to Pembroke citizens.

Please send Harry Wellons at Pembroke further information about Jaipaul, as I sent mine on to the Crittendens. Also send dope about Jaipaul to Mr. Abner Nash Locklear, RFD, Maxton, North Carolina, vicinity Prospect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Info copy - FBR

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 20, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Crittenden
1537 Caswell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Janet and Chris:

They changed plans on the man Jaipaul. He is stuck with Santa Fe, New Mexico engagements and doesn't get to Raleigh-Durham airport until 1:24 p.m., Eastern Air Lines' Flight 527, Friday, June 3rd. I am going to take the same plane when it leaves out Southbound at 1:40. He comes in on it from Washington.

A good deal to ask, but would you meet the plane arriving 1:24 p.m., and you and I and Jaipaul, and maybe Janet -- and Lane any chance? -- could have ten minutes of reunion before you take him back to Raleigh and I head out on the plane for Atlanta?

He is to be in Harry Wellons' custody at Pembroke College, staying at the guest house from the late afternoon or evening of Sunday, June 5th, through the afternoon of Tuesday, June 7th. And then he gets back to Washington. I have told the Washington people that they should arrange transportation via ACL from Selma to Pembroke and stop the train for the dignitary at Pembroke. Failing that, there is the bus. The man ought to be at Pembroke by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, for Wellons' reception. Do not drive the man down to Pembroke -- that is too much there and back for you. If he comes without the train deal worked out, stick him on the bus and head him for Pembroke.

Ten thousand warm thanks.

I am considering reproducing anew the hoop skirt in order that the ancient one shall hang in your museum.

Much love,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

info copy - FBR

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 20, 1955

Mr. Abner Nash Locklear
RFD
Maxton, North Carolina

Dear Abner:

I suppose Mr. Wellons would have been in touch with you. Nice guy from India coming in named Jaipaul.

Friends of mine in Raleigh named Crittenden are being hospitable to Jaipaul June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. He is coming to stay in the College guest house at Pembroke the nights of June 5th, 6th and 7th.

Wellons is all tied up with Commencement and can be no more than just hospitable. I do hope you are going to be around and will do me the great favor of affording a good deal of time to take Jaipaul around and showing him things. He needs to learn about farming and sharecropping and tenancy and all the things you can tell him. Please you and your wife have him at your home to a meal or two and let him be part of your own circles.

A lot to ask. If you are not going to be available, let me know, but it would be mighty nice if you could do this.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Info copy - FBR ✓

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

May 20, 1955

Mr. Harry Wellons
President
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Blessedly nice of you. I have notified the Governmental Affairs Institute, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., DUpont 7-6612, in the person of its Secretary, H. Philip Mettger, that Jaipaul is to be under the suzerainty of Harry Wellons and in the College guest room from the afternoon of Sunday, June 5th, through the night of Tuesday, June 7th. And, that in the course of June 8th, Jaipaul will make his way back to Washington -- probably by ACL.

I have sent off elsewhere the information I had about Jaipaul, and I only remember that he is, as I told you, a Press Officer attached to the Congress Party. I have asked Mettger to send you more information about Jaipaul.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Info copy

P.S. FBH don't know just when Jaipaul arrives, or by what conveyance, but I have notified Mettger that Jaipaul should try to be in time for your reception at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, June 5th. Do get Abner and his wife to take the load of steering the man around.

I gave a man a ride today. When he got out he said, "as many thanks as there are drops in a rainstorm.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

December 1, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Directors of Affiliated State Organizations

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

In recent weeks the tempo of the attacks on our movement has accelerated. Here are the main developments:

(1) Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook, in a speech attacking the NAACP, took a sideswipe at the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The burden of his charge was that a lot of good, gullible people are being duped by "sinister elements" of doubtful loyalty. In view of Mr. Cook's reputation, this has not excited any one much in Georgia. However, Mr. Cook may very likely publicly elaborate this attack, and some of you may expect to find it echoed by segregationist groups within your respective states. We have prepared a fairly lengthy document in reply to the Cook charges, copies of which will be sent to you separately.

(2) The Hearst newspapers have been waging a campaign against the Fund for the Republic, in the course of which they are systematically sniping at all of the groups who have accepted money from the Fund. As part of this crusade, the New York Journal-American and other Hearst papers on November 7 ran a libelous article accusing 21 SRC Board Members of "past pro-communist affiliations." The possibility of legal action is under consideration, and efforts are underway to get our story widely and favorably told in national media. Meanwhile, the Hearst attack has been used in at least two instances as a weapon against state organizations affiliated with SRC. I am also sending separately materials, pro and con, on this matter.

(3) As most of you already know, a Georgia politican named Roy Harris has for some time been keeping up a drum fire of fantastic charges against the SRC, as against everybody else who favors desegregation. Harris's personal paper The Augusta Courier, travels in White citizens council channels. Therefore, his charges can be expected to crop up wherever people related to us are doing good work.

The Southern Regional Council's basic defense against these smears rests on the demonstrated quality and integrity of its Board Members. As soon as the changes made at the recent Annual meeting have been incorporated, we will get out to you a list of Board Members with brief identifying notes. And as further positive material on the SRC is developed, we will supply you with it.

Meanwhile, feel free to use the material we are sending to counter any local attacks that you and your group consider important enough to be publicly noticed. If you feel that some direct reply from the Atlanta Office would be more effective, let us know as promptly as possible. Or, if you want to consult with us about it, call or write to me. In any case, please inform us of any attacks on the SRC or your state group which show up in your area; we have no way otherwise of knowing about them.

This memorandum isn't meant to attach inordinate importance to irresponsible charges against us. Any organization like ours is bound to attract the fire of extremists and they are not likely to show any scruples about the methods they use. We may expect the volume of such attacks to increase rather then decline in the immediate future. When the attacks reach such proportions that they are noticed by the responsible press or other media, it is an essential part of our job to counter them as promptly and effectively as we can.

This is simply to convey to you the situation as we see it and to let you know we realize that these attacks may from time to time present a public relations problem for your state groups. Working together, we can minimize the amount of damage they may cause.

Copy to FBR

✓ Harry Jones
Jack Marion

✓ Lyells
Vigo

✓ Spearman
Wells

✓ Kloppe
Griswold

✓ Williams
Hughes

✓ Martin
Beckman

March 22, 1956

Dear:

I like the people who do this Southern project of NSSFNS. They could only send us six copies of the report. GSM would like each State office to look through. _____ is asked to send the booklet on to _____ when _____ is through with it.

Sincerely,

GSM

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
RM. 432, 63 AUBURN AVE., N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

May 14, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

You wrote me May 9th about the two Malayan trade union people who would be in Atlanta June 16-20.

Miserably those are the days when I am at the Kentucky Labor School.

But Harold Fleming or Fred Routh here will be happy to see the men and will arrange particularly good contacts for them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCR -
FBR ✓

To: GSM

From: GTH

Fred Routhm, Parrish and I talked about a plan for " an orientation" meeting of state staff members after our meeting last week. It seems to us that it would be advisable to schedule the conference during the week of Nov.8-12. This would save money ! as well as permit the planning of the meeting in connection with the SRC Board meeting scheduled for Nov. 10. More important, it could include a larger number of people who will be the state workers - who by that time will be able to come to the meeting with more information about their state and the SRC's relation to it.

We have thought about a three day meeting xxxx including the SRC Bd..... either one day before the Bd. and one following x or both before, or both following. There would be only four people surely available for a meeting on Oct. 15 - but by Nov.10th we (hopefully) might have nine. (See attached)

We would hope that all central office staff would be able to be in Atlanta the week of Nov.8 - 15.

State Organizations

State	Organization or Reorgan. Mtg.	Staff Employed
Georgia		Wells 6/54
Alabama	Sept.17 (FR,CHP)	Hughes 10/54
Louisianna		Vigo 7/54
South Carolina		Spearman 10/54
Texas GSM called 21/Sept - Bearing forward Gray as Exec Secy	Exec.Com. Sept.4	
Tenn.	Oct.9 (FR,CHP)	Target date - Oct.15
Kentucky	8/54	
North Carolina #		"Target date" - Oct.15
Florida		" " " 30
Virginia		
Arkansas		
Mississippi		

TH telephone conversation with J.H.Wheeler Sept. 14. ... Personnel mtg. hoped for during week of Sept.13+17 .... to be followed by re-organ. mtg . soon afterwards.

Revised 10/25/55

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Affiliated State Organizations

Alabama Council on Human Relations

Rev. Duncan Hunter, Chairman
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec. Dir.
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Arkansas Council on Human Relations

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Chairman
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Nat Griswold, Exec. Dir.
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Christopher Mercer, Assoc. Dir.
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Florida Council on Human Relations

Mr. Paul Finner, Chairman
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
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~~Proposed letter to State Chairmen~~
in regards to selecting members of
Finance Committee (SRC)

Dear Mr. Rev Hunter

The Executive Committee of the Council at its last meeting on October 28-29, 1955 approved an arrangement whereby the Chairman of each affiliated State Organization would be asked to nominate a member from his particular state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. It was agreed also that each state council would receive one half of the funds raised in its particular state by this ~~SRC committee.~~ proposed SRC Committee

The Executive Director has asked that I write to you and solicit your cooperation in selecting such a person from your state to serve on this proposed committee. The SRC Finance Committee must be formally a committee of the Board of Directors of SRC. But it is agreed that by no means all of the members of the committee need be members of the Board. So you are at liberty to suggest anybody in your state who could be helpful and who likely would be. We have no concern as to the race of members of this committee, and hope that some states will name persons from one group and others from another group.

It is very important that we proceed speedily to get an SRC Finance Committee into action.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Mitchell
Administrative Assistant

930 W. Park Ave.,
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DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

930 W. Park Ave.,
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November 10, 1955.

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Dear Mr. Alexander,-

A meeting of our Executive Board has been called for November 29 at Daytona Beach. Before making the appointment to the Finance Committee, I feel that I should discuss the matter with the Board; I feel sure that we can find an efficient person.

We also have the more difficult problem of raising the $3,500 or more required of each State organization. As far as I know none of the Board members is experienced in this field. Would it be possible for us to get help of an advisory character from the Atlanta office? We would be glad to have this at the Daytona Beach meeting or later with our finance committee. Miss Osborne will be with us, but I believe her services are for other problems.

The matter is complicated by the fact that we have very few local organizations. Florida was the last state to be organized.

Any suggestions you may give us will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely,

Paul F. Finner

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Mr. G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant,
Southern Regional Council.

The meeting at Daytona Beach will be on November 29 at 324 S. Beach Street beginning at 10:30 AM.

November 22, 1955

Mrs. James S. Crate, President
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We appreciate your prompt response to our request in regards to a selection of one of your members to serve on a SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. Charles A. Shaw will make an important contribution to the work of this Committee. You and Mr. Shaw will be notified when the full membership of the committee has been attained and and it is ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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Nov. 18, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In reply to your letter of Nov. 8 I am submitting the name of Mr. Chas. A. Shaw to serve on the Finance Committee of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours
Mrs. Jas S Crate

November 22, 1955

Rev. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear. Reverend Evans:

We appreciate your prompt response to our request in regards to a selection of one of your members to serve on a SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. J. M. Dabbs of Mayesville, South Carolina, will make an important contribution to the work of this Committee. You and Mr. Dabbs will be notified as soon as the formation of this Committee is completed and ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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November 18, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

As per your letter of November 8, I am nominating Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C., to serve on the Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council.

Very truly yours,

J Claude Evans

J. Claude Evans
State Chairman

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November 22, 1955

Mr. Harry S. Jones
N. C. Council on Human Relations
121 East 3rd St.
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing you, not as an officer of Southern Regional Council, but as a member of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

I am unfamiliar with precisely what tasks or program the North Carolina Council may have laid out for itself, but venture to propose one matter which I think should have high priority. That is, following and improving upon the splendid statement by the Virginia Council suggesting steps by which integration in schools may be accomplished. I am sure you have a copy of the Virginia statement but will enclose one in the event you do not.

I think the North Carolina Council should set up immediately a biracial commission which should make a report at as early a date as the proper performance of its duties permits. The report, in general outline, may follow the Virginia example.

I should like to see it go a step farther. I think the report should name the counties having 5% or less of Negro school population and state that, as to such counties, it would seem feasible to inte-

grate at the begin ning of the 1956 school term--if such should be the conclusion of the commission. ~~If two~~ In those counties having from 5 to 10%, there might be integration in part, in certain grades or in certain schools. (I use the percentages loosely but wish to hold on to the idea that counties should be designated by name and the ease of the task of such counties should be emphasized.)

In my area, I am informed that certain Negro children from McDowell County are carried to Buncombe, as are certain children from Mitchell County. I will not be too definite on the details but am positive on the point that there is transportation of pupils beyond the county lines. I believe that this practice has been condemned in a Virginia decision and it is certainly expensive and unnecessarily burdensome and hazardous. All such instances of violation of law should be brought to life in the report.

I think it will narrow down to the fact that the mountain counties fall naturally into the easiest classification. The report might limit its content to a study of such counties, reserving the Peidmont and Coastal areas for later reports, but meanwhile, as in Virginia, urging the State to set up its own commission to make such studies.

The plan suggested is positive and aggressive. That I can conceive to be our role. I think it is much more becoming of us to develop a positive course of action than merely to criticize the nonaction of the State.

If, at the opening of the 1956 school term no North Carolina county has integrated schools, I think we shall have accomplished very little and may well forfeit such public support as we have.

Collateral to the above, Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties are

the real soft spot in the North Carolina picture. We can get backing here with reasonable prospect of success. I wish you would review last summer's correspondence between us as to this matter. You will remember that it fell through because American Friends Service Committee could not furnish us with a field agent. I think the matter should be immediately revived with Mr. Tartt Bell. He may now have someone for the job. If he does not, I think it highly important that we get such a person and put him or her in the area at once with a view to producing results in 1956. If all three, or any one of those counties, took favorable action, the effect on the remainder of the State would be highly significant.

These are matters in which you will have to take the initiative. They are crucial. If we act with promptness, imagination, wisdom and diligence we can secure results at least in the mountain area. We are going to have to show results if we are to establish our right to survive as an organization.

We should not be in the least degree deterred by the attitude of the Governor's Advisory Commission. Under the law passed at the last session of the General Assembly, each county is in charge of its own affairs. Each county is in position to tell the Governor and the Advisory Commission that what the county does is none of their business.

Yours very truly,

M. A. Wright

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MAW;ejg

c c to George Mitchell

c c to John H. Wheeler

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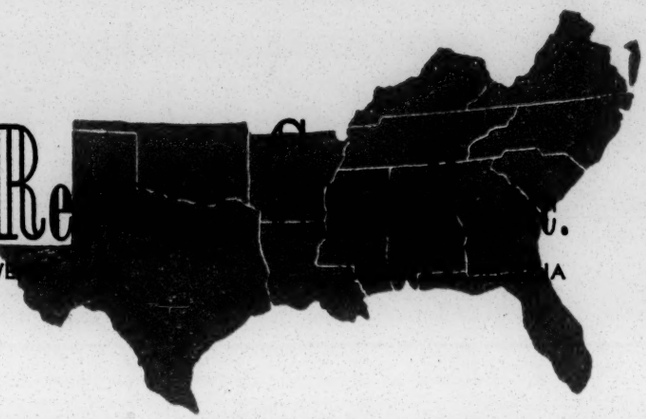

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

At the direction of Dr. Mitchell I am attaching a draft of a proposed letter to Board members and officers of the Southern Regional Council in regards to contributions for the current year.

Dr. Mitchell felt that it would be a much more effective appeal if the first letters went out over your signature. He also mentioned that you might want to use your own letterhead. However, when the draft of the letter is completed this office will proceed to get the letters typed and ready for your signature.

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November 29,1955

Mr. J. H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 - East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

We are getting out a memo to govern fund-raising by a new SRC Finance Committee. Regulation 2 states that money that has been coming for years to SRC from within a State will keep on coming to SRC, without any split with the State organization. I want you to understand that I stay by my word that what SRC has previously been getting from Bill Ellyson and/or Miller and Rhoads is to be sought in its entirety by the Virginia Council, without sending any of it to us. That's because it seems more suitable for a great mercantile establishment to help with its own city and State.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:rh

c.c. Fred Routh
G. S. Alexander

November 29,1955

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Reference is made to your letter of November 24, 1955 addressed to Dr. Mitchell.

The arrangement for setting up the SRC Finance Committee as proposed in our recent letters to the twelve (12) State Chairmen is recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting on October 28-29, 1955. The proposal for giving each State Council one-half of the funds raised in its particular state is also shown as being approved by the Executive Committee.

You will recall in our letter to each State Chairman that we stated as follows, "It was agreed also that each state council would receive one-half of the funds raised in its particular state by this proposed SRC Committee." However the questions which you raise as to clarity of this point seem to be very important and should be cleared up now.

After a consultation with the staff we have decided to send out a follow-up memorandum to each State Chairman giving further clarification on division of funds raised in a particular state. We are enclosing a copy of this memorandum for your information and criticism.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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c.c. Fred Routh

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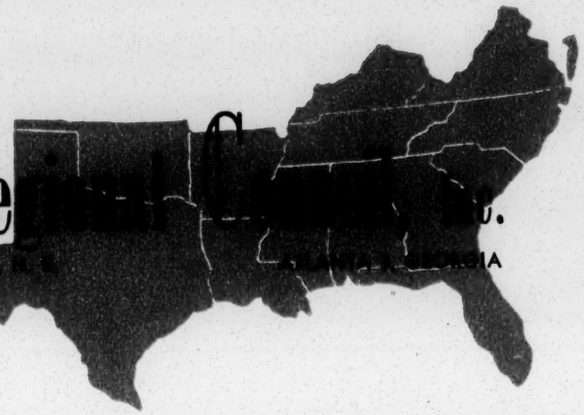

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"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Nov. 24, 1955

Dear George:

Copies of your letters to Mrs. Crate and Mr. Evans remind me that we should be sure the minutes of the Board meeting show that responsibility for securing members of the Finance Committee was placed upon the State chairmen, and especially that you stated you would propose, as to funds produced by such committee members, they be divided 50-50 between S.R.C. and the states, to which there was no dissent. You may need to rely upon such entry if this arrangement should later be challenged.

Question: Do you mean that, e.g., $15,000 raised by action of all committee members be divided $7,500 to S.R.C. with remaining $7,500 divided equally between states; or that, if the S.C. member raised $1000 by his individual efforts $500 would come to S.R.C. & $500 go to S.C.? That point should be cleared up now.

M.A.W.

Southern Regional Council

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 29, 1955

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Chairmen

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

RE: SRC Finance Committee

For your information we are enclosing a detailed outline of our policy concerning the distribution of funds raised in a particular state by the SRC Finance Committee.

The policy will be as follows:

(1) Funds that have been ordinarily raised from certain previous sources by a State Council will go directly to the State Council as is done presently. These funds will not be divided with SRC. It is hoped that the new SRC Finance Committee will in good measure contact new sources for contributions not heretofore contacted by the local state organization.

(2) Funds that have been coming directly to SRC over the years from certain organizations that may be located within a state where a Council exists will continue to come directly to SRC as is presently done. These funds would not be divided with a state organization

(3) All contributions from new sources within a state where contacts are made by the new SRC Finance Committee, would be divided 50-50 with that state. State of origin of funds is what governs; not State of origin of impulse.

(4) Funds that are raised by the SRC Finance Committee from sources in states where no affiliate of SRC exists would come directly to SRC. These funds would not be divided with State Councils.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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December 5, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Your memorandum to all state chairman in regard to finance committee has my complete approval.

Unless we already have it, it seems to me it might now be wise to make up a list by states of past substantial contributors. I can see that a question may arise under your paragraph 2. If and when it does arise, it might be helpful if we could show that, in advance of the ~~evidence~~ event, we had considered these contributions as falling within that classification. If such lists should be prepared, I would suggest that it go into detail as to dates and amounts of contributions received. Someday we will probably need this information.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

Please pardon typing.

December 6, 1955

Rev. Duncan Hunter, Chairman
Alabama Council on Human Relations
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Rev. Hunter:

Just to remind you that we are still waiting for your Council to nominate a person to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We are fully aware that this is not an easy job, however, we would appreciate your taking care of this matter at the earliest possible time. It is important that we get this Committee started as early as possible.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Fred Routh

December 6, 1955

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Chairman
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

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Mississippi Council on Human Relations
808 Mamie Street
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Mr. R. D. Wellons, Chairman
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
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Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

Just to remind you that we are still waiting for your Council to nominate a person to serve on the proposed SEC Finance Committee.

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December 7, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Dr. Clary has just handed me your letter about our member of the proposed SRC Finance Committee. He suggested that I write you just for your information that up to now we have not been able to get anybody for this job. He also said that in the absence of Dr. Wells he thought it would be the first of the year before we would succeed in finding some person willing to do it.

This is little help, I realize, but at least you know that we are working on it.

Sincerely,

Juesta Knox
Mrs. Will Knox
Secretary to Dr. Wells

Same letter sent by Dr. Clement to names not listed thru on attached list.

GDJ

December 8, 1955

Mr. R.B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council on October 28-29, it was proposed that letters be written to all Council members asking that during the current fiscal year (October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956) they make or raise any financial contributions that they could in support of the Council. Since there are no set dues for members any contribution appropriate to your possibilities will be greatly appreciated. We would also be deeply grateful for any effort on your part to influence others, who may not be members, to make contributions also.

As you know the Council will need to raise a greater amount of funds each year in order to carry on its program. Last year's response to our appeal from Members of the Board and Executive Committee for contributions was gratifying and we are hoping that we will have a similar experience this year.

Sincerely yours

Mr. Paul Williams,
3320 Gloucester Road,
Richmond,
VIRGINIA.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Paul,

Marion told me you had very kindly agreed to be the Virginia man on the Finance Committee of the SRC. We are all gratitude for this extra measure of devotion. Here is a first pronouncement of possible policy, and we'll be writing you later for arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

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ccs.
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1100 FLORIDA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
JACKSONVILLE 2, FLORIDA

December 16, 1955

Dear Mr. Finner:

This replies to yours of the 14th.

I regret that I cannot accept appointment as a member of the Finance Committee of Southern Regional Council. I already have more than I can do as "member of the Urban League, Heart Association, Art Museum, Public Library and Daniel Memorial Home for Children".

But I shall always retain a sympathy with the work of the Southern Regional Council and the Florida Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely yours,

Richard P. Daniel

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park Ave.
Tallahassee, Fla.

RPD/s

CC: Mr. G. S. Alexander

The Florida State University

Tallahassee 930 W. Park Ave.,
December 8, 1955.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Mr. Price writes me that he will not be able to accept the appointment to the SRC Finance Committee. He suggests Richard P. Daniel of Jacksonville and Wm. Reese Smith of Tampa.

I am making inquiries with this mail, and shall suggest a person as soon as I I receive replies.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Finner

Paul F. Finner

Mr. G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant, SRC.

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December 5, 1955

Mr. Paul F. Finner, Chairman
Florida Council on Human Relations
930 West Park
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Finner:

We appreciate your cooperation in regards to the selection of Mr. Lee J. Price to SRC Finance Committee.

We are quite sure that Mr. Price will make an important contribution to the work of this committee. You and Mr. Price will be notified as soon as the membership of this committee is completed and ready to function.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Marion Wright
Fred Routh
Lee J. Price

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DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

930 W. Park Ave.,
Tallahassee, Florida.
November 30, 1955

Dear Mr. Alexander:

At yesterday's meeting of our Executive Committee Mr. Lee J. Price was elected as the Florida member of the SRC Finance Committee. Mr. Price has recently moved to Belle Glade, Florida.

I am writing to Mr. Price with this mail.

Very sincerely,

Paul F. Finner

Paul F. Finner.

Mr. G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant, SRC,
Atlanta, Georgia.

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December 16, 1955

Southern Regional Council,
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.,
Atlanta, Ga.

Attention: Mr. Alexander

Dear Mr. Alexander:

All of Mississippi is in a turbulent state. There is dissension on the top political level, Governor-elect Coleman openly defying U.S. Senator Eastland on the question of segregation, and the nullification of the Supreme Court verdict. The turmoil filters down to the local level, and our state body is suffering as a consequence. Recently Mrs. Tilley came to Mississippi and knows something of the situation. I have an appointment with Msgr. Brunini in Jackson -- perhaps there will be time to see some other Board members -- and perhaps we will carry through a scheduled Board meeting with the staff on December 20 th. Fred Routh knows something of the complications we are having with our staff. They are real and serious.

All of which is by way of saying that to date it has been impossible to designate some one to serve as Mississippi member of the SRC Finance Committee. The few people I have approached in the matter have been unwilling.

When the representative of the Fund for the Republic comes here in January, I hope to be able to meet him. On his last visit we missed one another. Nevertheless, by that time, there will probably be another chairman of the state body, if I can manage it.

Sorry if the above sounds confused and discouraging. We are trying to keep our feet on the ground and do what is best in a difficult situation.

Yours faithfully,

C. Mantinband

Charles Mantinband

Season's greetings!

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Mr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
Rm 432, 63 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta 3
Georgia

Florida Council on Human Relations

324 S. Beach St. - Daytona Beach, Florida

December 23, 1955

Dear Fred:

Perhaps Dr. Finner wrote you that Prof. Raymond Bellamy of FSU will represent us on SRC's finance committee. Just wanted to be sure you knew.

Ruth
Gabe

Bill

Exec. Dir.

January 3, 1956

Dr. Paul F. Finner
930 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Finner:

I have your letter in which you name Professor Raymond F. Bellamy as the Florida representative on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Professor Bellamy serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the development of this committee.

With kindest regards for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. Fred Routh
Professor Raymond F. Bellamy

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930 W. Park Ave.,
Tallahassee, Florida.
December 18, 1955.

Dear Dr. Alexander,-

For the Florida representative on the SRC Finance Committee I suggest Professor Raymond F. Bellamy of Florida State University. Please address him in care of The Department of Sociology.

Professor Bellamy is a very able man and I know you will enjoy your relationships with him. He has been at the local University for many years and is well and favorably known throughout the State.

Very sincerely,

Paul F. Finner

Paul F. Finner.

Dr. G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant, SRC.

January 3, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

I have your letter in which you nominate Mr. Walter Sharp, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee for membership on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Sharp serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the development of this committee.

With kindest regards for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. Fred Routh
Mr. Walter Sharp

F. WOODS BECKMAN
5908 MAGAZINE ROAD
KNOXVILLE 20, TENNESSEE

27 Dec. 1955.

Mr. G.S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant,
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta , Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am sorry that I have been so slow in carrying out the request you made some time ago.

I now nominate Mr. Walter Sharp (Vanderbilt University, Nashville , Tenn) for membership on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I note that one half of the funds raised from Tennessee by this Committee will be alotted to our Tennesse work. I wish it a great deal of success.

Yours very truly

Tennessee Council on Human Relations

F. Woods Beckman

F.Woods Beckman, Chairman.

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January 3, 1956

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Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. Fred Routh
Mr. Walter Sharp

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c.c. Dr. Fred Routh
Professor Raymond F. Bellamy

Finance Comm.

January 4, 1956

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Although you are no longer chairman of the Mississippi Council, we would appreciate your following through with Mrs. Ratliff, the new chairman, on the selection of a person for the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We wanted to have this committee completed by the time of the SRC Executive Committee Meeting on January 20-21, 1956. We are fully cognizant of the problems that your council faces but we must try to get this committee started on its job as soon as possible.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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c.c. Mrs. W.H. Ratliff
Mr. Fred Routh

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mrs. W.H. Ratliff
Mr. Fred Routh

January 4, 1956

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
Sherard, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

Rabbi Mantinband as chairman of the Mississippi Council had been in the process of selecting a person from your state to serve on a proposed SRC Finance Committee. This committee would function as a unit endeavoring to raise funds on a regional basis. One-half of the funds raised in a particular state would go directly to that State Organization. For your information we are enclosing a copy of our memorandum which goes into detail as to how the funds would be divided.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Rabbi Charles Mantinband concerning this matter. We do hope that the committee can be completed by January 20-21, 1956, if it is at all possible.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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c.c. Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Mr. Fred Routh

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~~Similar~~ letter sent to: Mr. Fred K. Darragh
Mr. W. H. Perry
Mrs. Elsie Rowland
Mr. R. D. Wellons
Mr. G. E. Clary

January 4, 1956

Rev. Duncan Hunter
Alexander City,
Alabama

Dear Rev. Hunter:

As yet we have not heard from you concerning the nomination of a person from your state to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We are trying to have this committee completed by the time of the SRC Executive Committee Meeting on January 20-21, 1956. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We are fully cognizant of the fact that this is not an easy job, but we must get this committee started on its job as soon as possible.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Fred Routh

Finance committee

January 4, 1956

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Mississippi Council on Human Relations
Sherard, Mississippi

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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c.c. Rabbi Charles Mantinband
Mr. Fred Routh

Copy - G.S.A.

January 11, 1956

Dr. R. D. Wellons, President
Pembroke State College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Wellons:

I have your letter of January 5, 1956, in which you state that Dr. W. L. Greene of Raleigh, North Carolina has been appointed to represent North Carolina on the SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Dr. Greene serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the future development of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Dr. W. L. Greene

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OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

January 5, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In response to your letter of January 4, 1956, I am writing to say that with the approval of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations I have appointed Dr. W. L. Green to represent our Council on the SRC Finance Committee.

Dr. Green's address is: 115½ East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Wellons

R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College

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January 12, 1956

Mr. William H. Perry, Chairman
KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
2230 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Perry:

I have your letter of January 10, 1956 in which you name Mr. Houston A. Baker, 2218 West Broadway, Louisville to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Baker serve on this committee. I will keep you and him informed as to the future development of the committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:mf

cc: GSA
FBR
Mr. Houston A. Baker

January 16, 1956

Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland, Chairman
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
203 Woosley Building
Lake Charles, La.

Dear Mrs. Rowland:

We have your telegram in which you nominate Professor R. C. Reynaud, 1413 Mill Street, Lake Charles to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

As yet no meeting has been planned for the SRC Finance Committee. The SRC Meeting in New Orleans on January 20-21, 1956 includes only members of the Executive Committee of SRC. Probably some details will be worked out in reference to the Finance Committee and we will advise you and Professor Reynaud of the same. However since Professor Reynaud will be at Dillard University at the same time it may be possible for him to talk with Mr. Marion Wright and Dr. Mitchell in regard to this proposed committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:mf

cc: Mr. Fred Routh
Prof. R. C. Reynaud
Mr. Milton C. Vigo

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January 23, 1956

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
P. O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I have your letter of January 19, 1956, in which you name Mr. S. W. Miller, 1503 West Pearl Street, Jackson, Miss. to serve on the proposed SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Miller serve on this committee. He and the Mississippi Council will be kept informed as to the future development of the committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mrs. M.H. Ratliff
Mr. S. W. Miller
Mr. Fred Routh

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
P. O. BOX 1326
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

RABBI
CHARLES MANTINBAND
808 MAMIE STREET

January 19, 1956

Southern Regional Council,
Atlanta, Ga.

Attention: Mr. G. S. Alexander

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Finance representative for SRC in the state of Mississippi is Mr. S. W. Miller, 1503 West Pearl Street, Jackson, Miss.

It was my understanding that he had accepted this responsibility under my administration, but to make sure I wrote to Mrs. Lyells, and have just received the confirmation. Mr. Miller is a very representative Negro business man, active in politics and highly respected. We shall do our best to co-operate with him, and lighten his burden.

Tomorrow morning in Jackson our Board meets with Dr. Loescher of the Fund for the Republic. Both Mrs. Ratliff, newly-elected president and Msgr. Brunini, state treasurer, must be away. I shall do my best to carry on in their absence.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Mantinband

Charles Mantinband

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
P. O. BOX 1326
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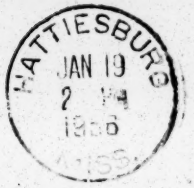

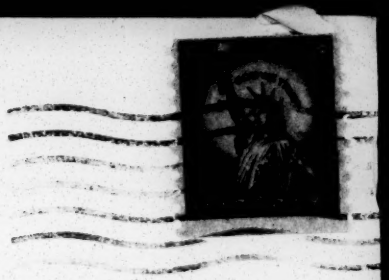

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January 24, 1956

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

The Georgia Committee would like to recommend Mr. Morton Weiss, president of Montag Paper Co. of Atlanta, as our member on the Finance Committee of the Council. Mr. Weiss has agreed to accept this responsibility on a rather limited basis, but we hope that he will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely,

Guy H. Wells

Guy H. Wells
Executive Director

February 1, 1956

Dr. Guy H. Wells, Executive Director
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wells:

I have your letter of January 24, 1956 in which you name Mr. Morton Weiss, President, Montag Brothers Incorporated, Atlanta, Georgia to serve on the SRC Finance Committee.

We will be happy to have Mr. Weiss serve on this committee. We will keep you and him informed as to the future development of this committee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Fred Routh
Mr. Morton Weiss

February 15, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have set up two area meetings for the members of the newly formed SRC Finance Committee. The first meeting has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. This meeting will include representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas in addition to you, Miss Wilkins, and Mr. Mitchell. The other area meeting has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956, at the SRC offices here in Atlanta. This meeting would include representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia in addition to you, Miss Wilkins, and Mr. Mitchell.

We are sending out notices to the persons concerned in regards to these meetings.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. G.S. Mitchell

February 15, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Thank you very much for agreeing to let us hold an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee on Friday, March 9, 1956, at your college. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:00 P.M.

The following persons have been invited to attend this meeting:

1. Mr. Marion A. Wright
2. Miss Josephine Wilkins
3. Mr. George S. Mitchell
4. Prof. R.C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, La.
5. Mr. S.W. Miller, Jackson, Miss.
6. Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Tex.
7. Representative from Arkansas Council not yet named.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. G.S. Mitchell

February 15, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. Mitchell has asked me to notify you of the two area meetings that have been set up for the newly formed SRC Finance Committee since he wanted you to meet with both groups.

The first meeting has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. This meeting will include representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas in addition to you, Mr. Wright and Mr. Mitchell.

The second meeting has been set for 2:00 P. M. Friday, March 16, 1956, at the SRC offices here in Atlanta, This meeting would include representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia in addition to you, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Wright.

We hope that you will be able to attend both meetings.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
Mr. G.S. Mitchell

February 16, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

An area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the president's office in the administration building.

We are urging that you make every possible effort to attend this meeting or send a representative. It is very important that this committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Your travel expenses to this meeting will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not you can attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G.S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
State Chairman
State Executive Director

February 16, 1956

Prof. R. C. Reynaud
1413 Hill Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Prof. Reynaud:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
State Chairman
State Executive Director

February 16, 1956

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Chairman
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

An area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the president's office in the administration building.

As yet the Arkansas Council has not sent us the name of a person selected to serve on this committee. However, we are urging that you send some representative to this meeting. It is very important that the finance committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

The travel expenses of a representative from your council will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not a representative from your council will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Nat Griswold

Same letter sent to: Mr. Morton Weiss
Mr. Houston A. Baker
Dr. W. L. Greene
Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. Walter Sharp
Mr. Paul Williams

February 16, 1956

Prof. Raymond F. Bellamy
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Prof. Bellamy:

An area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956, at the SRC Offices, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

We are urging that you make every possible effort to attend this meeting or send a representative. It is very important that this committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Your travel expenses to this meeting will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not you can attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. State Chairman
State Executive Director

February 16, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller
1503 West Pearl Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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c.c. Mr. M.A. Wright
State Chairman
State Executive Director

February 17, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206 - Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. Hughes:

An area meeting for members of the newly-formed SRC Finance Committee will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956, in Atlanta at the SRC office.

As yet the Alabama Council has not sent us the name of a person selected to serve on this committee. However, we are urging that you send some representative to this meeting. It is very important that the finance committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not a representative from your council will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

Finance Committee Meeting N.O. 2/11/56

Mr. Marion A. Wright,
"Top Knot",
Linville Falls,
NORTH CAROLINA.

20th February, 1956.

Dear Mr. Wright,

According to our telephone conversation I have checked the air line schedule and suggest the following:

Leave New Orleans on March 9th	---	---	6.35 P.M.
Arrive Atlanta ---	---	---	9.51 P.M.
Via Delta Flight No. 902.			
(Spend the night in Atlanta.)			
Leave Atlanta on March 10th	---	---	7.00 P.M.
Arrive Charleston, S.C.	---	---	9.11 P.M.
Via Delta Flight No. 470.			

Dr. Mitchell also will have to follow the same schedule since he is to be in South Carolina. He is of the opinion that there will be enough time for the meeting if it starts promptly at 2.00 P.M.

Please advise if you desire us to make reservations for you and purchase the ticket here in Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

(G.S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.)

GSA:rl.
c.c. GSA.

Copy: Guy Wells

February 20, 1956

Mr. Morton L. Weiss
245 North Highland Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weiss:

We are very grateful to you indeed for the one-hundred dollars, one-half of which is being sent to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Two or three months ago the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, acting for the Board, undertook to set up a South-wide Finance Committee. In order to clear as agreeably as possible with each of the twelve assisting State organizations, we asked each State office to name somebody to be on the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee. We further agreed that whatever might be raised within each State for this general cause would be split fifty-fifty between the State organization and SRC.

The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation was a bit behind some of the others in naming a man to be on the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee. I suggested that since you had already been kind enough to agree to serve SRC, the Georgia Committee put your name forward as one whom it would agree to be the Georgia person on the SRC Finance Committee. And Mr. Wells was delighted. And forewith telephoned you.

I don't blame him for confusing you a bit; it is confusing.

But simple enough as it will work out I'm sure.

The South-wide Finance Committee of SRC is to meet at two spots at two different dates: those for the Southwest States will be meeting in New Orleans on Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University;

those for the more Easterly States in the South will be meeting in Atlanta at the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., March 16, 1956, at 2:00 P.M. This Atlanta one is the one to which you should come if you will be in town. If you won't be here we shall just have to miss you.

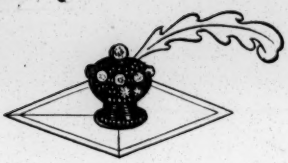
But I will make note of some things we will be asking you to do and will come out to see you when you are safely back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:maf

Ruth - Return to GSA



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Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am a little confused as to my roll in connection with the finances of SRC. The last time I talked to George Mitchell I did tell him I would take a few cards and help out on the campaign.

Dr. Wells called me several days ago and was apparently under the assumption I was going to aid the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Unfortunately, I will not be available for any active roll in either committee. I am leaving Atlanta this afternoon for a three and one-half weeks' trip. Upon my return, I will be tied up for three months as chairman of the Atlanta Jewish Welfare Campaign, which as you know has to raise considerable money.

I asked Dr. Wells to send me a list of some of the people he had in mind. If there are any I know on the list, I will be happy to solicit them by mail or telephone but would be unable to do anything further at the present time.

N.B.

I am enclosing my personal check for $100. I would like to have half of this credited to the Georgia Committee and the other half to SRC.

Best of luck in your campaign.

Sincerely,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

M L Weiss

President

MLW:mc

February 21, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We have arranged a meeting for the most Southwest members of the SRC Finance Committee at Dillard, Friday, March 9. Marion Wright will be there and I will be there. Others invited are:

Josephine Wilkins
Prof. R.C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, La.
S.W. Miller, Jackson, Mississippi
Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Texas
Albert W. Dent
Representative from Arkansas Council not yet named.

If it will do you any good organizationally I will be glad to be in New Orleans in the course of Thursday, March 8, but I don't think you are going to need me.

I have to shoo myself out of New Orleans Friday night to get to Charleston, South Carolina, by Saturday morning.

The other day Dr. Dent called me and said they would be having at Dillard on March 27, 28 and 29 a workshop of High-school Principals. I judge these will be almost entirely Negro principals. They will get down Charles Thompson from Howard and Dr. John W. Davis, who is trying to arrange for complete use of Negro teachers under integration; and me. The head boss of the

conference is Dr. Violet K. Richards, Chairman of Dillard's Department of Education.

All of which means I will be resident in your nice city at Dillard those three days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mcf

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February 21, 1956

Dr. W. L. Greene
115½ East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

I have received a copy of the letter advising you of a meeting of the SRC Finance Committee to be held in Atlanta, March 16. I trust that you will be able to attend that very important meeting.

According to information which I have we are not making sufficient headway in receiving the money that we should receive in North Carolina to help meet the expenses of our Council on Human Relations. I am hoping that your participating in the activities of the Finance Committee will stimulate much interest in our work in North Carolina.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

R. D. Wellons
President
Pembroke State College

RDW:bop

CC: State Executive Director

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February 22, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I do plan to attend the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee in Atlanta on March 16th as you suggested in your letter. I would appreciate very much a reply giving me information as to the agenda of the meeting in order that I might come prepared to make a definite contribution to the program.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Greene

W. L. Greene

WLG:ah

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DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

21 February 1956

Mr G S Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N E
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr Alexander:

I am glad that the area meeting of the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee has been set for 16 March, because it looks as if I shall be free to attend at that time. Unless you hear from me to the contrary, then, I shall be on hand.

Sincerely,

Walter Sharp

Walter Sharp

Cc: State Chairman
State Executive Director

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mayesville, South Carolina
February 21, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Administrative Asst.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Av., N. E. Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I shall plan to be at the meeting of the SRC finance committee at the SRC office at 2 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956

My personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs

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February 27, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 17, 1956, in which you invite me to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I will be happy to attend this meeting and work with the Committee on whatever organizational plans they have available for fund raising.

Will you please let me know, at your earliest convenience, if the 2 p.m. meeting will extend itself over into the evening and necessitate my remaining in Atlanta overnight.

If you have any materials that I might study prior to the meeting, I would certainly appreciate your sending me as much as you have available.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Baker

H. A. Baker

HAB:clm

February 29, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Rabbi Leipziger will be cordially welcomed March 9 at Dillard at 2:00 p.m. I hesitate to ask you because none of the other State Directors have been asked. But you may be sure we will all be tender of your interests. I do not think there is any purpose to asking Louisiana to do anything more than its normal share; we happened to pick New Orleans as a conveniently located city.

You are kind to ask me to stay with you the 27th, 28th and 29th. I am sure they would have saved room for me at Dillard and would want me out there. But I'm available to you for any use or just for no use.

As to the 9th, there seeming to be no need for me to be in New Orleans on the 8th, I will plan to take the train over the night of the 8th and arrive on the morning of the 9th. And I leave out that night at six something.

Assuming I do come on the train I will of course come to your office before time for everybody's second cup of coffee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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February 27, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 21 about the SRC Finance Committee meeting to be held at Dillard on March 9.

I had received a copy of the letter sent by G. S. Alexander to Prof. R. C. Reynaud, Chairman of our State Finance Committee.

I have written to Mr. Alexander indicating that Prof. Reynaud will be present.

Do you think it would be possible if Rabbi Leipziger, the Chairman of the New Orleans Finance Committee, would be present as an observer, because the bulk of our fund-raising will have to come from the New Orleans area. I would also like to attend as an observer if it is agreeable with the committee.

Since you will be in New Orleans on March 27, 28 and 29, I would be very happy if you would stay over at my home during these three days.

Sincerely yours,

M. Vigo

Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director

MCV/jrb

February 29, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville,Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Airline reservations have been made for you as suggested in your letter of February 22. We are enclosing tickets for the same.

The schedule is as follows:

3/8/56	Leave Greenville, S. C.		4:51 P.M.
	Arrive Atlanta		6:04 P.M.
	Via Eastern Air Lines	- Flight No. 567	
3/9/56	Leave Atlanta		9:15 A.M.
	Arrive New Orleans		10:47 A.M.
	Via Delta Air Lines	- Flight No. 911	
~~3/10/56~~	Leave New Orleans		6:35 P.M.
	Arrive Atlanta		9:51 P.M.
	Via Delta Air Lines	- Flight No. 902	
3/10/56	Leave Atlanta		7:00 A.M.
	Arrive Charleston S. C.		9:11 A.M.
	Via Delta Air Lines	- Flight No. 470	

The round trip fare from Greenville, S. C. to New Orleans by air is $74.03.

We have also made the hotel reservation for you at the Piedmont. Dr. Mitchell will be returning from New Orleans on the same plane with you and will be met at the airport by Mrs. Mitchell. He has suggested that you may wish to spend the night with them since he also has to catch the 7:00 A.M. plane the next morning for Charleston, S. C.

You might be interested in knowing that all of the persons who were invited to the New Orleans meeting have replied and indicated that they would attend the meeting.

We are in the process of typing the letters to the members of the Executive Committee. You should receive them in the day or so.

Sincerely yours

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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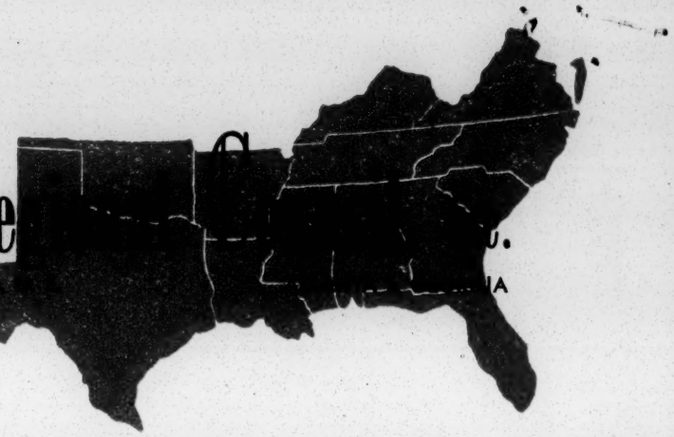

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

February 22, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thanks for your letter of February 20th.

What I should like to do is to leave Greenville, South Carolina on the afternoon of March 8, arriving in Atlanta that afternoon, spending the night there and leaving for New Orleans the morning of March 9. I hope this will give me the opportunity to confer fully with Dr. Mitchell in advance of the New Orleans conference. I think there is an Eastern Airline plane which leaves Greenville about 4:50 in the afternoon.

Since you have access to schedules and I do not, I will appreciate your purchasing for me a ticket from Greenville to New Orleans, allowing for the overnight stop in Atlanta and a ticket from New Orleans to Charleston, South Carolina as outlined in your letter of February 20th. You have time to forward the tickets to me before my departure. If you are unable from Atlanta, to purchase a ticket from Greenville to Atlanta, please make a reservation for me to leave Greenville between

4 & 5 p.m. on the afternoon of March 8th.

I would like to suggest that you get information as to prices of a round trip ticket from Greenville to New Orleans in order that I might settle with SRC upon that basis. SRC is not concerned with my little jaunt to Beaufort, S.C.

Thanking you, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

p.s. I will appreciate also your reserving a single room for me at the Piedmont for the nights of March 8 and 9th.

M. A. W.

MAW

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March 5, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I told you I would come on the train over the night of the 8th. Decided to come on the airplane leaving here about 6:00 P.M., EST, and getting to New Orleans about 7:00 P.M., CST. Have written to the St. Charles and asked for a room which I expect they will have; so bother not about me. I will show at your office crisply the morning of the 9th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 6, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller
1120 West Pearl Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

Mrs. Lyells, the Executive Director of the Mississippi Council has informed us of your plans to attend the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee which will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Presidents' office. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mrs. R. S. Lyells

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February 24, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I have just had a telephone conversation with Mr. S. W. Miller, our Finance chairman. He is planning to attend the meeting at Dillard University March 9th.

Very truly yours,

R. S. Lyells

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Executive Director

RSL:epw

March 6, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

The following persons have indicated that they will attend the meeting of the SRC Finance Committee at your institution on Friday, March 9, 1956:

1. Prof. R. C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, La.
2. Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Houston Texas
3. Mr. S. W. Miller, Jackson, Miss.
4. Attorney J. R. Booker, Little Rock, Ark.
5. Mr. Marion A. Wright
6. Mr. George S. Mitchell

Possibly, Miss Josephine Wilkins will attend.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. and will adjourn no later than 5:30 P.M. since some of the persons involved have to make plane schedules. If this schedule is followed I doubt whether anyone will desire meals or housing.

We are grateful to you and Dillard University for the use of your facilities for this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 18, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Following your telephone call and your letter of February 15, we have set aside the Conference Room adjacent to my office for use by the SRC Finance Committee on Friday, March 9 beginning at 2 p.m.

If any of these persons are going to be here in time for lunch or if any of them would like to have over night housing we should be glad to arrange it if you will let me know.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

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March 6, 1956

Professor R. C. Reynaud
1413 Mill Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Professor Reynaud:

Mr. Vigo, the Executive Director of the Louisiana Council has written to us in regards to your plans to attend the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee.

This meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Milton C. Vigo

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February 27, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

When I was in Lake Charles this past week, I spoke to Prof. R. C. Reynaud, Chairman of our State Finance Committee, about the SRC Finance Committee which has been scheduled at Dillard University on March 9. He told me that he hadn't written to you when I had spoken to him, but he indicated that he will attend the meeting of the Finance Committee, and asked me if I would write to you for him.

If there are any arrangements that I can take care of, I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Milton C. Vigo

Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director

MCV/jrb

March 6, 1956

Attorney J. R. Booker
Century Building
Sixth and Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Attorney Booker:

Mr. Darragh has informed us that you will serve as the representative from the Arkansas Council on the SRC Finance Committee. We are very glad to have you with us and look forward to seeing you at the meeting which has been set for 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Presidents' office at Dillard University. It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Jr.

DARRAGH COMPANY

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

February 24, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Mr. J. R. Booker who is an attorney in Little Rock will serve as our representative on the Finance Committee. Also, he will attend the meeting which you have called for 2:00 P.M. Friday March 9, 1956 at the Dillard University at New Orleans.

If you need to get in touch with Mr. Booker before the meeting his home address is 1522 Cross Street and his office is in the Century Building which is located at Sixth and Gaines Street.

Very truly yours,

Fred Darragh

Fred K. Darragh, Jr.

FKD/ell

cc: Mr. J. R. Booker

Mr. Nat Griswold

February 17, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206 - Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. Hughes:

An area meeting for members of the newly-formed SRC Finance Committee will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956, in Atlanta at the SRC office.

As yet the Alabama Council has not sent us the name of a person selected to serve on this committee. However, we are urging that you send some representative to this meeting. It is very important that the finance committee proceed with its organization and plans for raising funds for the Council and its affiliates.

Please let us know as early as possible whether or not a representative from your council will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 6, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee which will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 9, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. and you should be able to get back to Houston the same evening.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE: 2206 DOWLING STREET - P. O. BOX 2097
HOUSTON, TEXAS

February 24, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Admistrative Asst.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter of February 16, in which you advise that an Area Meeting of the SRC Finance Committee has been set for 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 9, 1956, at Dillard University.

I shall make an effort to be present at the meeting unless some unforeseen circumstance arises that would prevent my being in attendance.

With every good wish I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. A. Shaw
President

CAS/cm

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Memorandum for Meeting of Area Finance Committee,
New Orleans, March 9, 1956.

1955-56 (October 1, '55 - September 30, '56)*

A. To meet Central Office budget for 1955-56, Finance Committee must raise approximately $13,000.00

B. To meet our 1955-56 non-Fund-for-Republic-money-raising-commitment of $55,000.00, the Finance Committee needs to raise $25,000.00

1956-57 (October 1, '56 - September 30, '56)

C. Budget, Central Office, probably		$100,000.00
Less Income normally expected:		
Fund for Republic Grant	$10,000.00	
Other sources	40,000.00	
Total		50,000.00
To be raised by Finance Committee		$ 50,000.00

1957-58

D. Central Office & State Organizations	$119,000.00

E. A list of Amounts raised by State Organizations as of March 1, 1956.

ARKANSAS	680.54
LOUISIANA	633.50
MISSISSIPPI	578.60
TEXAS	1,433.69

Each of these states is committed to raise $3,500.00 which is to say that at nearly the mid-period of a fiscal year in which each State Organization has to raise $3,500.00, three have done about one-fifth of the job, and one has done under one-half.

* These amounts were secured from monthly financial reports to SRC.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date.

Budget for 1955-56		$ 93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$ 23,114.82	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds -- 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry over from Duke and Field Funds	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$ 67,615.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of March 1, '56	13,000.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$ 80,615.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year.		$ 12,465.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small Foundations	300.00
Labor Organizations	1,875.00
Small Organizations	115.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	850.00
Individual Contributions	1,665.00
Associate Members	50.00
New South Subscriptions	2,560.00
Honoraria	300.00
Interest	900.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
TOTAL	$23,115.00

**Amount expectable:	
Churches	$ 1,200.00
New South	3,400.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
Small Foundations	700.00
Labor Organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$13,000.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period.

March 1, 1956.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL.

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenditures as of March 1, 1956.

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY.

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget realised
INCOME			
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 5,805.00	41.4%
Dues	500.00	50.00	10.0%
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	2,560.00	42.6%
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	500.00	16.6%
Honoraria	1,000.00	300.00	30.0%
Interest Income	800.00	900.00	112.0%
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0%
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0%
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0%
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	$49,715.00	76.6%
Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180.00	16,000.00	56.0%
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$65,715.00	70.6%

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget realized.
EXPENSES			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	$ 26,144.81	42.4%
Social Security Tax	800.00	462.69	57.8%
Travel	7,500.00	3,545.91	47.2%
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	2,449.08	37.6%
Printing other	2,000.00	183.53	9.1%
Rent	1,680.00	700.00	41.6%
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	1,102.25	44.0%
Postage	2,000.00	456.95	22.8%
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	177.79	59.2%
Accounting Fees	500.00	275.00	55.0%
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	280.95	93.6%
Office Supplies	2,900.00	958.66	33.0%
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com. Meetings	2,000.00	1,253.80	62.6%
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	2,500.00		0.0%
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 37,991.42	40.8%

March 12, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 206, Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. Hughes:

So far we have not heard from you in regard to sending someone from the Alabama Council to an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee. This meeting is scheduled to be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956 in Atlanta at the office of the Southern Regional Council.

We are quite aware that you have been ill and that this is not your job but we have not been able to get a response from the other people.

The meeting should last only about 3 or 4 hours and should end around 6:00 P.M.

The Southern Regional Council will pay the travel expenses of your representative to this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

March 12, 1956

Professor Raymond F. Bellamy
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Professor Bellamy:

We have not heard from you in regards to the possibility of your attending an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee here in Atlanta at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16,1956. The meeting will be held at the office of the Council at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

We hope that you will find it possible to attend this meeting. It is hoped that this meeting will last no longer that 5:30 P.M. You may be able to secure transportation home the same evening.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Mr. Paul Finner

March 12, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Glocester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have not heard from you in regards to the possibility of your attending an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee here in Atlanta at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16,1956. The meeting will be held at the office of the Council at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

We hope that you will find it possible to attend this meeting. It is hoped that this meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. You may be able to secure transportation home the same evening.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. Mr. John H. Marion

Same letter sent to: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. Walter Sharp
Dr. W. L. Greene
Mr. H. A. Baker

March 13, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We are looking forward to seeing you at the area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee which will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16, 1956 at the SRC office in Atlanta (63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.).

It is hoped that the meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. If transportation schedules permit you may be able to return home on the same evening.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

M E M O

March 13, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: GSM

RE: TEXAS MONEY-RAISING

The New Orleans meeting of the SRC Finance Committee had Mr. Charles Shaw present.

Interalia, a Mrs. Maccashan in Houston is Will Clayton's daughter-in-law. She is somewhat interested in these matters and is exceedingly influential. One Bob Smith at Houston is notably rich and Mrs. Maccashan has influence with him. One Lawson Fleming is now head of Anderson-Clayton and could be interested in it.

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Rinehart, Hollis	Attorney	Ingraham Building, Miami, Fla.
Robinson, Mrs. E.U.	Church Leader	Gallatin, Tenn.
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Shaw, Charles A.	Ins. Exec.	2206 Dowling St., Houston, Texas.
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Wright, Marion A. *	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N.C.
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\# Ex-officio.
% State Representative.

Copies: Mrs. Lyells
Mr. S.W. Miller

March 14, 1956

Mr. Earl Banks
People's Funeral Home
North Parish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Banks:

Mr. S.W. Miller is Finance Chairman for the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and the Mississippi member of the Finance Committee of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

He has suggested that I send over to you some recent issues of our publication, New South, and a leaflet about the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

Letter and last two issues of New South and grey leaflet sent to the following:

Mr. Earl Banks
People's Funeral Home
North Farish St.

Dr. C.L. Barnes
115½ N. Farish Street
Dr. C.D. Christian
119½ N. Farish St.

Mrs. M.C. Collins
415 N. Farish St.

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115½ N. Farish St.

Mr. Edward Lee, Senior
Edward Lee Hotel
114 W. Church St.

Mr. E.L. Lipscomb
Security Life Insurance Co.
125½ N. Farish St.

Dr. W. E. Miller
1040 Dalton St.

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1325 Lynch Street

Rev. A.L. Rice
1325 Lynch Street

Mr. I.S. Sanders
Lanier High School
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Summers Hotel
619 W. Pearl Street

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Mr. Clarence Winters
318½ N. Farish St.

All are located in Jackson, Mississippi

(S. W/ Miller
Finance Chairman)

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March 12, 1956

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I felt that the meeting at Dillard was quite a success; very inspirational, informative, and constructive. I feel that we finally settled upon a plan in advance giving that will give impetus to our drive in Mississippi,

My understanding from our talk is that the MCHR Executive Committee is to be also a Finance Committee working together to accelerate finance from the grass roots up.

The inclosed is a list of Negroes in Jackson to whom you may send materials looking forward to your coming when the two of us may see them in person. Within a few day I will suggest a date for our calls.

An expense account for the Dillard trip is inclosed.

Sincerely yours,

S. W. Miller

S. W. Miller
Finance Chairman

SWM/1
Enclosures 2

March 14, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Here are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee the other day.

Mr. Wright and I were much impressed with your wisdom and knowledge.

I send you ten copies of each of the last two issues of New South and ten promotion leaflets now in use. I believe you were to send these to people whom you wish to interest. And at a later time you might deem it appropriate to plan also to get these people together at a time when Mitchell or some other staff person from this office could be over and meet with the group.

More promotion material gladly if it would serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mcf

COPY: Mrs. James S. Crate

March 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here are somewhat pro forma Minutes of the portion of the Finance Committee that met at New Orleans, March 9.

I have written at length to Mr. Shaw to follow up on the proposals he made. Mr. Miller from Mississippi has sent in a list of fifteen-odd people for us to cultivate and whom he would be willing to pull together later on.

I have written letters with the men from Arkansas and Louisiana, to go with the Minutes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Milton Vigo

March 15, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

This confirms our telephone conversation Tuesday.

My understanding is that Mr. Edgar Stern on the written solicitation of Rabbi Leipziger has sent to Rabbi Leipziger Mr. Stern's check for four hundred dollars. I further understand that Mr. Stern in the negotiations made it clear to Rabbi Leipziger that Mr. Stern had customarily sent three hundred dollars or more to SRC and that he would this year step that amount to assist the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. (And some further thought in circumstances of dire need he could add another one hundred later). I suggest you send the whole check on to SRC so that it will become a tax-exempt contribution.

step up

We will then return three hundred of it temporarily at any rate to you.

When I'm in New Orleans, March 27, 28 and 29, I will visit Mr. Kabacoff and try to learn whether Mr. Stern would entertain an idea of an additional contribution to SRC this year, or whether he regards this contribution as having been his customary contribution to the efforts made by SRC and its affiliates.

If the four hundred dollars is the whole of Mr. Stern's intended contribution for this fiscal year I think that there will be some grounds for supposing that the New Orleans Committee and the Louisiana Council on Human Relations should send at least another one hundred of the amount back to SRC - possibly three hundred all together to SRC.

Be assured however that our first desire is to be fair and a helpful parent to our forces in Louisiana and New Orleans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

March 15, 1956

Prof. R.C. Reynaud
1413 Mill Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Reynaud:

Here are the somewhat sketchy Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting which you so kindly came over to, March 9. Mr. Miller has sent us a list of people whom he wishes us to cultivate and whom he will fetch together later on. I have sent Mr. Shaw various items of literature for his own use in letting us be known to his friends. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

I haven't yet had your Expense account for the trip but hope you will shortly send it on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copy: Milton C. Vigo

Copy: Wiley Branton

March 15, 1956

Mr. J.R. Booker
Century Building
Sixth and Gaines
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Booker:

We were grateful for Mr. Branton's presence at the little gathering of people from the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee meeting in New Orleans, March 9.

Here are Minutes of that meeting.

I trust that you and Mr. Branton will be in agreement that in each Southern State an effort should be made between now and October to fetch together about one thousand dollars for the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta and one thousand dollars for the State organization - in this case the Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

We here are anxious to be of service to you in any matter. We could send out copies of our publications to any modest list of persons you might wish cultivated. Or we could write this one or that. And we would stand ready on your call to come to Arkansas and meet with any group of persons you might draw together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

March 15, 1956

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
119 East Barraque Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Branton:

Most kind of you to come over to New Orleans for the Finance Meeting. Here is a copy of the rather sketchy minutes.

I have sent these minutes also to Mr. Booker and am asking him to take up the burden of trying to get together one thousand dollars for the Southern Regional Council and one thousand for the Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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P.S. Meanwhile your Expense account has come in and here is the check for it.

Copy: Mr. Nat Griswold

P. O. Box No. 426
PHONE 6584

Wiley A. Branton
ATTORNEY AT LAW
119 EAST BARRAQUE STREET
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

March 12th, 1956

RECEIVED MAR 14 1956

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Area Finance Committee Meeting
New Orleans

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I submit herein my expense account in connection with my attendance at the area finance committee meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 9th, 1956:

Roundtrip Pullman fare Pine Bluff, Ark. to New Orleans, La. - - - - - - - - - - -	$ 42.24
Meals - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	7.02
TOTAL------	$ 49.26

Respectfully Yours,

Wiley A. Branton

Wiley A. Branton

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Richmond, Va.
March 15, 1956

Dear George,

Please explain to Mr. Alexander that I cannot make tomorrow's meeting. See enclosure.

I am enclosing a notation on the expenses I had when I met with Marion Wright, Hal Fleming and Clement in New York. The earlier trip to New York I am writing off as a donation to SRC.

Hope all goes well with you and SRC.

Please continue to drop by home when you come through Richmond.

Best regards always.

Sincerely,

Paul

Home address:
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Va.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[illegible]

March 12, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Glocester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have not heard from you in regards to the possibility of your attending an area meeting of the SRC Finance Committee here in Atlanta at 2:00 P.M. Friday, March 16,1956. The meeting will be held at the office of the Council at 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.

We hope that you will find it possible to attend this meeting. It is hoped that this meeting will last no longer than 5:30 P.M. You may be able to secure transportation home the same evening.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G S Alexander

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
c.c. Mr. John H. Marion

Dear Mr. Alexander,

I regret that it will be impossible for me to make this meeting.

Paul D. Williams

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FROM STATES
CONVENIENT TO ATLANTA
Room 108, Wesley Memorial Building, Atlanta
March 16, 1956

The meeting began at 2:00 P.M. Present: Mr. W.L. Greene, Raleigh, N.C.; Mr. J.M.Dabbs, Mayesville, S.C.; Mr. Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Josephine Wilkins (observer), Atlanta; Mr. Marion A. Wright, SRC President, Linville Falls, N.C.; Mr. George S. Mitchell, SRC Executive Director; Mr. G.S. Alexander, SRC Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Mitchell made opening remarks to the group discussing the financial figures appended to the Minutes of the meeting.

After discussion it appeared that for the current fiscal year the actual pressing need of Southern Regional Council came down to something like one thousand dollars from each State organization. As the Council had agreed that sums raised in a particular State would be divided fifty-fifty with the State organization in that State, this put a burden on each State Finance Committeeman of raising in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars; one thousand for the central office in Atlanta, and one thousand for the State organization.

Mr. Wright and Miss Wilkins spoke of the present and future needs of the Council.

Mr. Wright in his summary said that he hoped each member would, on getting home, prepare a list of a few people who should be cultivated, and decide upon a plan either to have this office send to these persons various items, or have this office send to the State Finance Committeeman a stated number of items of SRC or other literature to be sent locally to persons on the list.

Mr. Greene said that in various causes in North Carolina he found it useful to urge certain of his friends and supporters either to give to a cause or join it; as certain people well placed hesitated to join causes notably unpopular for the moment in State government circles.

Mr. Wright brought to the attention of the group a recent New York Times news article in regard to location of industry in the South and suggested that various committee members might be interested in using the article, or the idea contained in it, in their approaches.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

INFORMATION FOR AREA MEETING OF SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE IN ATLANTA
March 16, 1956

A. To meet Central Office budget for 1955-56, Finance Committee must raise approximately $13,000.00.

B. To meet our 1955-56 non-Fund-for-Republic-money-raising-commitment of $55,000.00, the Finance Committee needs to raise $25,000.00

C.

Budget, Central Office, probably 1956-57		$100,000.00
Less Income normally expected:		
Fund for Republic Grant	$10,000.00	
Other sources	40,000.00	
TOTAL		50,000.00
To be raised by Finance Committee		$ 50,000.00

1957-58

D. Central Office & State Organizations $119,000.00.

E. A list of amounts raised during the current fiscal year (October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956) by State Organizations as of February 29, 1956 except as indicated:

1. Alabama	(12/31/55)	$ 247.06
2. Florida		931.00
3. Georgia		1,979.54
4. Kentucky		673.83
5. North Carolina		1,269.55
6. South Carolina		1,293.30
7. Tennessee		900.91
8. Virginia		1,714.42

Each of these States is committed to raise $3,500.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenditures as of March 1, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Realized
INCOME:			
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 5,805.00	41.4
Dues	500.00	50.00	10.0
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	2,560.00	42.6
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	500.00	16.6
Honoraria	1,000.00	300.00	30.0
Interest Income	800.00	900.00	112.0
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,000.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	49,715.00	76.6
Anticipated Revenue from other sources	28,180.00	16,000.00	56.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 65,715.00	70.6

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Expended
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	26,144.81	42.4
Social Security Tax	800.00	462.69	57.8
Travel	7,500.00	3,545.91	47.2
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	2,449.08	37.6
Printing other	2,000.00	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680.00	700.00	41.6
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	1,102.25	44.0
Postage	2,000.00	456.95	22.8
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	177.79	59.2
Accounting Fees	500.00	275.00	55.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	280.95	93.6
Office Supplies	2,900.00	958.66	33.0
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs	2,000.00	1,253.80	62.6
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	2,500.00		0.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	37,991.42	40.8

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for REMAINDER
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$23,114.82	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry over from Duke and Field Funds	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$67,615.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 3/1/56	13,000.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		80,615.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$12,465.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small Foundations	300.00
Labor Organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	115.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	850.00
Individual Contributions	1,665.00
Associate Members	50.00
New South Subscriptions	2,560.00
Honoraria	300.00
Interest	900.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
TOTAL	$ 23,115.00
**Amount expectable:	
Churches	$ 1,200.00
New South	3,400.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
Small Foundations	700.00
Labor Organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$13,000.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

March 1, 1956

SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE
Atlanta Area

1. Prof. Raymond F. Bellamy
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida (Will not attend)

2. Mr. Houston A. Baker
Louisville, Kentucky (Will not attend)

3. Mr. Morton Weiss
Atlanta, Georgia

4. Dr. W. L. Greene
Raleigh, North Carolina Present

5. Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina Present

6. Mr. Walter Sharp
Nashville, Tennessee Present

7. Mr. Paul Williams
Richmond, Virginia

8. Alabama Representative

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Marvin Wright
Mr. George S. Mitchell

March 16, 1956

March 19, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Here is Rabbi Bergman's letter to us.

Evidently Rabbi Bergman doesn't quite understand the arrangement. I don't see how he could; it's so complicated.

All I have for making the situation smooth is our honest purpose to do what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encl.

Copy: Milton C. Vigo

March 19, 1956

Rabbi Leo Bergman
Turuo Synagogue
St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Bergman:

The last thing I want to do is deprive the Louisiana Council and the New Orleans Chapter of monies properly due to it. At the same time I have to be protective of the interests of the Southern Regional Council. And it's true that for a great many years Mr. Stern has each year given us about three hundred dollars. As an earnest of our good purpose I reverse the figure and send you the three hundred and hold as hostage merely the one hundred!

I will be in New Orleans pretty soon as I wrote you and I will hope to find Mr. Kabacoff and see in what manner the fate of SRC's hoped-for three hundred dollars is involved.

There is the dual problem of supporting SRC over the South the while the State and local organizations solicit support too. We have tried to safeguard this as well as might be by asking each State organization to name as a member of SRC's Finance Committee someone whom they can trust. And we further agreed that of the sums raised by such State-selected SRC Finance Committeemen in a State, one-half should be for that State's own organization. Here is a procedural memorandum on the point.

I think Rabbi Leipziger will find us here anxious to be helpful and not hurtful.

Meanwhile ~~here is~~ I send now the three hundred dollar check back safe and sound. We lay no absolute claim even to the one hundred dollars, but only propose what agreed to be fair.

to Vigo

Sincerely

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Touro Synagogue
ST. CHARLES AVENUE AT GENERAL PERSHING
NEW ORLEANS 15, LA.

OFFICE OF THE RABBI

March 15, 1956

Dr. George Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

At the solicitation of Rabbi Emil Leipziger, who was kind enough to accept the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee of the New Orleans Chapter of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, Mr. Edgar Stern forwarded to him the sum of $400.00.

Mr. Edgar Stern meant this donation for our Local Chapter, the New Orleans Chapter of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. However, I understand from your conversation with Mr. Milton Vigo that you will refund to us $300.00 of this $400.00 and keep $100.00 for your general office. If this is correct, I am happy to send you Mr. Stern's check. If it is not correct, please return the check to us so that we may return it to Mr. Stern.

We feel that rather than disturb Mr. Stern about changing the check we are willing to make the division with you that you suggest.

I am aware that you have seen Mr. Stern about the matter, but I am sure you can understand Rabbi Leipziger's feeling that he will not continue as Chairman of our Committee if other people are going to solicit money in the city and take it away from the Local Chapter. The division, however, that you suggest and I have mentioned in this letter is acceptable to Rabbi Leipziger.

Help us along by letting it go through this way since all of us are interested in the same cause.

It was a real delight meeting you, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Cordially,

Leo A. Bergman

RABBI LEO BERGMAN

enc.

The Florida State University
Tallahassee
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

March 14, 1956

Dr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Dr. Alexander. — This week end will be full of everything from baseball games & a visit from my daughter & her children to grading exam papers. It looks as if my affiliation with your organization is destined to be a washout as I am now over 70. I must retire at the end of this year. It is probable that I shall not be living in this section of the country after this spring. And in the meantime, I have many things to do in preparation for winding up my work here. If I should continue to live in Florida I hope to be more active in your organization, but for the present, I seem to be a hobbling mixed of an asset

Heartily but sincerely,

Raymond F. Bellamy

MAMMOTH

Life and Accident Insurance Company

JACKSON 6183-6184

606-608 W. WALNUT STREET

LOUISVILLE 3, KY.

March 19, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 13, 1956, relative to the Finance Committee meeting of the Southern Regional Council. I regretted that I was unable to attend the meeting but the annual meeting of the stockholders of our company was held last week and several changes were made in the company's organizational structure. Some of these changes affected me personally and it was imperative that I remained in Louisville in order to clear up some pertinent matters relative to the company's business.

I sincerely hope that the meeting was quite successful and I am looking forward to a resume of the minutes. If the members of the Finance Committee were assigned any personal responsibilities to dis charge f or the Council, you may count on me to do my share.

I am looking forward to the next meeting of the Finance Committee and I will definitely try to attend. Wishing you much success in your work.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Baker
Agency Director

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 28, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller, Finance Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

DR. MITCHELL OUT OF TOWN UNTIL FRIDAY. WILL ADVISE ON RETURN.

M.E. FRIEDMAN
Secretary to Dr. Mitchell

JBR - notified by phone

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:PLEASE CONFIRM APRIL 5 1030 AM FOR MEETING FINANCE PROSPECTS 1104 LYNCH=

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Copy: Mrs. Lyells

March 14, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller, Finance Chairman
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

Very many thanks indeed for your letter of March 12.

Here are the Minutes of the meeting which you were so kind as to come to.

I had assumed that the Mississippi Council on Human Relations had a Finance Committee itself but as Finance work for the Mississippi Council on Human Relations is done by the MCHR's Executive Committee that is all right.

I have written to each of the gentlemen whom you listed and sent the enclosed items of literature. If you will write me as well ahead as you can of a date suitable for getting these men together, I or someone from this office will gladly come to Jackson to meet with you and them.

The expense check is enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Pd

Southern Regional Council

March 30, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Fred Routh will attend Finance Committee Meeting this Thursday. Letter follows.

Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Professor Raymond F. Bellamy
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

The meeting of the Finance Committee members from the Southeastern part of the region duly occured March 16 and here are the Minutes.

What really happened was that each of those present said he would try to find one thousand dollars for SRC in Atlanta and one thousand dollars for each man's State. Constructively we hope for agreement to this purpose from Finance Committee members who weren't present.

At any rate, will you consider what you can do? We will help you in any way we can. Glad to come to a gathering of helpfuls or to cultivate helpfuls or do anything you wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

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April 9, 1956

Mr. Houston A. Baker
Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance Company
606-608 West Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

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Executive Director

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Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Dr. W.L. Greene
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

Here are Minutes of the March 16 meeting which you so kindly came to.

I have sent on to the absent persons these Minutes and some notice of our hope for activity from them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here are the Minutes of the March 16 meeting which you so kindly came to.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Mr. Walter Sharp
Department of Fine Arts
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sharp:

Here are the Minutes of the March 16 meeting which you so kindly came to.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Copy: GSA

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April 9, 1956

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3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The meeting of the Finance Committee members from the Southeastern part of the region duly occured March 16 and here are the Minutes.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copy: GSA

Signed by mef in Dr. Mitchell's absence.

April 9, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

Here are Minutes of the March 16 meeting which you so kindly came to.

I have sent on to the absent persons these Minutes and some notice of our hope for activity from them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

REPORT ON SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IN SESSION APRIL 20-21, 1956

The Finance Committee has held two area meetings. The first meeting was held on March 9th, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans. Representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas were requested to attend this meeting.

The following persons attended this meeting: Mr. Marion A. Wright; Mr. George S. Mitchell; Mr. Wiley Branton, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, substituting for Mr. J. B. Booker of Little Rock; Mr. R. C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Mr. S. W. Miller, Jackson, Mississippi; and Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Texas. Mr. A. W. Dent was present for a good portion of the meeting.

The second meeting was held on March 16, 1956 at the Wesley Memorial Church Building in Atlanta. Representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia were requested to attend this meeting. The following persons attended this meeting: Mr. W. L. Greene, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C.; Mr. Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Josephine Wilkins (observer), Atlanta; Mr. Marion A. Wright; Mr. George S. Mitchell; and Mr. G. S. Alexander.

It was the general opinion of both groups that each State Representative would attempt to raise $ 2,000.00 in the very near future. Of the amount raised one-half would go to the State Council and one-half to SRC. If each state raised its quota SRC could successfully meet its budget requirements for the current fiscal year.

Follow-up meetings will be arranged in the near future.

Membership roll is attached.

April 19, 1956

SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Alabama	No representative named as yet
2. Arkansas	Attorney J. R. Booker Century Building Sixth and Gaines Streets Little Rock, Arkansas
3. Florida	Professor Raymond F. Bellamy Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida (Doubtful if he can serve)
4. Georgia	No representative Former representative resigned
5. Kentucky	Mr. Houston A. Baker 2218 West Broadway Louisville, Kentucky Resigned 8/24/56
6. Louisiana	Professor R. C. Raynaud 1413 Mill Street Lake Charles, Louisiana
7. Mississippi	Mr. S. W. Miller 1503 West Pearl Street Jackson, Mississippi
8. North Carolina	Mr. W. L. Greene 125 East Hargett Street Raleigh, North Carolina
9. South Carolina	Mr. J. M. Dabbs Mayesville, South Carolina
10. Tennessee	Mr. Walter Sharp Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee
11. Texas	Mr. Charles A. Shaw 2206 Dowling Houston, Texas
12. Virginia	Mr. Paul D. Williams 3320 Gloucester Road Richmond, Virginia

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Associate Director
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63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Fred:

For your information I am enclosing the list of pledges resulting from the meeting on April 5th. Mr. Reddix and Mrs. Collins said they would cooperate, but really did not state a specific amount. However, I have listed them and Dr. Barnes (who said "$25.00 or more") for the amount which Mr. Miller requested.

Sincerely yours,

Ruby

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Executive Director

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SRC
re. Finance Committee

Financial Pledges

April 5, 1956

E. W. Banks	$50.00
Msgr. J. B. Brunini	50.00
E. L. Lipscomb	25.00
S. W. Miller	50.00
G. A. Price	10.00 Pd
A. L. Rice	10.00
I. S. Sanders	25.00
W. A. Washington	10.00
D. W. Wilburn	10.00
W. A. Williams	25.00
	$265.00

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C. L. Barnes	$50.00
Mrs. M. C. Collins	50.00
J. L. Reddix	50.00
	$415.00

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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SRC Finance Committee

J. R. Booker - Arkansas
Alabama - see ltr to Bob Hughes
Florida - Raymond F. Bellamy
Georgia - no representative
Kentucky - Houston A. Baker
Louisiana - R. C. Reynaud
Mississippi - S. W. Miller
North Carolina - W. L. Greene
South Carolina - J. M. Dabbs *
Tennessee - Walter Sharp
Texas - Charles A. Shaw
Virginia - Paul D. Williams*

*Also members of the Exec. Com.

Southern Regional Council
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 18, 1956

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS OF THE SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In March of this year, it will be remembered that the various state representatives on the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council were brought, or asked to come, together either at New Orleans or at Atlanta. It was then explained that we had two money-raising problems:

(1) To get about $13,000 to enable the central office to meet its budget for the fiscal year;

(2) To get about $25,000 (inclusive of the $13,000 -- that is to say $12,000 over and above the $13,000) in order to meet our 1956 fund-raising commitment to the Fund for the Republic.

Since March, we have had some favorable income developments. We will have enough money to meet the central office budget. So that number one above is cared for.

Most of the help came in the form of a grant from the New World Foundation for $17,000 to continue John Hope's program of Consultants' Services. That grant from a non-Fund for the Republic source took us a long way toward home base on raising the $25,000. That grant plus what we expect from other outside sources make it look as if we shall be $5,000 or $5,500 short of the $55,000 from outside sources that we must raise in order to qualify for the final year's grant from the Fund for the Republic.

So it comes down to needing everyone's help on fetching together around $5,000.

Of course it is the case that we ought in this year to bring in quite goodly sums in order that next year's burden should be less.

We will be grateful for what you can do toward getting together your part of the needed minimum, or preferably of the much larger sum we shall be needing next year.

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June 18, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

By our records Alabama has still not put up a man to be on the Finance Committee of the Board of SRC. So I send this letter to you informationally. But we still want you to name us somebody. Everybody else did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. Memo to members of Exec. Com., and members of SRC Finance Com., dtd 6/18/56

September 10, 1956

Mr. H. A. Baker
Agency Director
Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance Company
606-608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 1, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have your letter of August 24th, in regard to your resignation as a member of the SRC Finance Committee.

We are grateful to you for having served on this committee and regret very much that the increased responsibilities of your work make it necessary for you to resign at this time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

cc: Mr. W. H. Perry
GSA

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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9/4/56

GSA:

GSM WOULD LIKE YOU TO HANDLE THIS. (Means, I presume, writing a letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Baker)

MAMMOTH MAMMOTH MEANS MUCH Life and Accident Insurance Company

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Home Office: 606-608 W. Walnut Street
LOUISVILLE 1, KY.

August 24, 1956

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Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The increased responsibilities of my work are so time consuming until I have a very little left for community service. Consequently, it is with regret that I resign as a member of the Finance Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated.

I will notify Mr. William H. Perry, Jr., Chairman of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Incorporated, of my actions in order that he may appoint a replacement to this important Committee.

Wishing you success in your work and the best of health.

Yours sincerely,

Mammoth Life & Accident Insurance Co.

H. A. Baker
Agency Director

Noted 8/30/56 G. S. M.

HAB/dr

cc: Mr. W. H. Perry, Jr.
Mrs. Viola E. Baker

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Future Financial Needs

To meet Central Office budget for 1955-56, Finance Committee must raise approximately $13,000.00.

To meet our 1955-56 non-Fund-for-Republic-money-raising-commitment of $55,000.00, the Finance Committee needs to raise $25,000.00.

Budget, Central Office, probably		$100,000.00
Less Income normally expected:		
Fund for Republic Grant	$10,000.00	
Other sources	40,000.00	
Total		50,000.00
To be raised by Finance Committee		$ 50,000.00

1957-58

Central Office & State Organizations $119,000.00.

A list of Amounts* raised by State Organizations as of March 1, 1956

ARKANSAS	630.54
LOUISIANA	633.50
MISSISSIPPI	578.60
TEXAS	1,433.69

Each of these states is committed to raise $3,500.00, which is to say that at nearly the mid-period of a fiscal year in which each State Organization has to raise $3,500.00, three have done about one-fifth of the job, and one has done under one-half.

*These amounts were secured from monthly financial reports to SRC.

Letter and last two issues of New South and grey leaflet sent to the following:

Mr. Earl Banks
People's Funeral Home
North Farish St.

Dr. C.L. Barnes
115½ N. Farish Street
Dr. C.D. Christian
119½ N. Farish St.

Mrs. M.C. Collins
415 N. Farish St.

Dr. A.M. Hall
115½ N. Farish St.

Mr. Edward Lee, Senior
Edward Lee Hotel
114 W. Church St.

Mr. E.L. Lipscomb
Security Life Insurance Co.
125½ N. Farish St.

Dr. W. E. Miller
1040 Dalton St.

Dr. G.A. Price
119½ N. Farish St.

Mr. J.L. Reddix
1325 Lynch Street

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1325 Lynch Street

Mr. I.S. Sanders
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833 Maple Street

Mr. George Stutts
1423 Rondo Street

Mr. W.J. Summers
Summers Hotel
619 W. Pearl Street

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Mr. Clarence Winters
318½ N. Farish St.

All are located in Jackson, Mississippi

(S. W/ Miller
Finance Chairman)

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S. W. Miller
Finance Chairman

May 3, 1956

RHA:

Please take action correcting the Minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, '56 on page 7 to accord with the correction made early in the meeting of April 20-21, '56, which change deleted the language on page 7 of the January Minutes("A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained.").

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

FILE COPY

January 20-21, 1956

The meeting was held at 63 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, with Mr. Rufus Clement, Chairman, presiding. Attending the afternoon session at 2:00 P.M. in the Lounge of the building were the following members of the Executive Committee: Mr. J.M. Dabbs, Miss Josephine Wilkins, Mr. M.A. Wright, Mr. Rufus Clement, Mr. John Griffin and The Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O. After the beginning Executive Session the following staff members were invited in: Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer; Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director for Information; Fred Routh, Assistant Director for State Organizations; C.H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations; John Hope II, Assistant Director for Program; and George S. Mitchell, Executive Director. Mrs. Marjorie Fiske served as Secretary.

After the Chairman's call for the minutes of the previous meeting, Miss Wilkins requested an amendment.

Under the heading "Proposed Statement for Use in SRC's Defense," the following language had appeared in the minutes of the meeting of October 28 and 29, 1955:

> A drafted statement was then made available to the Committee, with particular attention being called to the argument developed on page 7 re the usefulness to Communism of such attacks as that currently being made in Georgia, and after discussion of a possible additional paragraph the statement was given approval.
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> The statement as approved is here supplied in the minutes:
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> "Not only is this phony 'anti-Communism' vicious; it offends the intelligence of every thinking person. The international communist movement has one, and only one, interest in our racial problems - that is, to exploit them throughout the world. Some two-thirds of the people of the earth are dark-skinned, and the communists are trying desperately to win them with the claim that our kind of democracy is available only to white persons. If there were no racial discrimination or segregation in this country, the communist movement in Asia and Africa would lack its most effective weapon.
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> A perfect example of this fact is the reaction of Soviet Russian officialdom to the Supreme Court decision. For days, the government-controlled Russian press made no mention whatever of the decision. When at last they could ignore it no longer, they announced defensively that the decision meant nothing - that it would never be implemented. This is precisely the argument that Attorney-General Cook and his fellow demagogues make so noisily. Unwittingly perhaps, but undeniably, they do a great service to the cause of communism every time they raise their voices on behalf of 'white supremacy.'

Individuals and organizations that work responsibly and conscientiously for the growth of democracy in the South and the Nation are the opponents that the communists really fear. Yet it is precisely these individuals and organizations that Mr. Cook and his kind seek to defame and discredit. What could please the communists more than to get the credit for every effort to make our American ideal a working, living reality? What could please them more than a campaign to arouse suspicion and hatred of those citizens who work intelligently for a more just, democratic, and Christian society? How they must delight in the irony of such Americans being stigmatized as servants and dupes of the communist cause!

No informed person believes that the communists want to see Negroes accorded equal rights and dignity or that they want to see our racial problems solved through the orderly processes of the law and constructive community action. The communists want to see us hopelessly bogged down in our prejudices and our fears. They want to see us defying the law of the land, whipping up racial hatred for political purposes. In this respect, they have a common purpose with Attorney-General Cook and his kind."

It was agreed that the statement should be circulated widely, and that it might ultimately be the basis of a printed pamphlet.

Miss Wilkins said the lenghty statement had been available to her only at the time of the previous meeting; that she noted that the minutes carried only four paragraphs from the entirety of the statement; and that she was clear in the recollection that at the previous meeting the action taken had been "approval of the statement in principle."

Upon motion the minutes of the previous meeting were amended to read: "A drafted statement was then made available to the Committee and was approved in principle."

The entirety of this statement as approved in principle in the meeting of October 28 and 29, 1955 is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Exhibit A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director said that the Council was now mid-way in its enjoyment of its grant from The Fund for the Republic. Twenty-two months under that grant had elapsed and twenty-one were to come.

He said that fiscally the Central Office might expect to be in funds through the month of May. Aid to the States was good until the end of the fiscal year, i.e., September 30.

We have twelve State organizations, of which perhaps seven are strong, one is weak, and four are so-so.

We are getting on top of the training program through the employment of Mr. John Hope II and the expanding consultants program.

Mr. Fred Routh has learned the great skill of improving ailing State organizations.

Mr. Fleming is beginning to get a back flow of information from the States.

The State organizations are proving increasingly helpful to Mrs. Tilly through her work with Church groups.

The State organizations seem to feel secure about raising their money for this fiscal year.

We will need a vigorous Finance Committee of SRC which will have a task of raising somewhere around $20,000.

New South now has about 4,100 subscribers and is taking on new subscribers at a rate of about 200 a month.

The second year of the grant aid from Field Foundation, Inc. has been received in the amount of $5,000. The Doris Duke Foundation in response to our request has sent $7,000 as a final grant for conduct of our Information Program.

The Staff is pursuing additional sources of funds.

We have a good staff professionally and clerically.

We may expect further attacks on the Council.

Some appraisal was given on the status of possible libel action against the Hearst Journal-American.

The sad death of Dr. Will W. Alexander was spoken of.

The Tuskegee Board Meeting had requested a staff proposal for continuance after the expiry of the Fund for the Republic grant. Such a proposal had been circulated to members of the Committee and was available for its discussion.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION - Harold C. Fleming

He referred to the growing function in the obtaining, storing and analysis of information; and to the insistent demand for briefing of journalists in the South. He had in prospect for publication a revision of Answers for Action and a leaflet simply reprinting the Supreme Court decisions and giving an analysis of them. He reported on the current effort of the New York Times to obtain the Southern story; an arrangement come to with the Southern Historical Association for the publication by the Southern Regional Council of certain speeches given at their recent historical meeting; and described recent conferences looking toward an expansion of our work with affiliated State groups, toward obtaining a full picture on what is going on in the South.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM - JOHN HOPE II

The consultant program has been organized with the view of serving SRC State offices with technical services. Nine technically qualified people have been invited to serve as consultants to State organizations and for other purposes. The consultants, who are well-prepared people in their field with good backgrounds, include Dr. Robert Johnson, Dr. Louis Killian, Mrs. Bonita Valien, Dr. Harry Walker, G.E. Wilson, Mr. Whitney Young, W.D. Jones, and Dr. Kenneth Clark. Three areas in which it is hoped the consultants will be working are:

1. Being available to the State organizations for weekend workshop sessions with the Board and staff members.

2. Conferences of the staffs from the "hard core" States.

3. Consultants might be farmed out to other organizations on demand. They could help other groups in setting up institutes, workshops, etc.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - C.H. Parrish

Most of his concern during the last few months had been with the consultants program. The individual State organizations have 300 or more Board Members. The full use of these persons can be one of the Council's most valuable assets.

He had attended a North Carolina workshop and another at Bennett College at Greensboro. He was taking part in plans for a similar group to be held at the University of Kentucky again this summer.

There were parts of the South, he said, in which there was an obvious determination not to let democracy work. Outside these infected areas there are going to be parts of States that will be wishing to desegregate and wishing to know how to do it. The Council needs to give know-how to those who want to go ahead. We need a standard professional service that can help in this way.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Fred Routh

Mr. Routh reviewed the progress thus far of each of the State organizations.

Mr. Wright commented that previously there had been criticism that the central office lacked an integrated staff and so did the States. Now all but one of the States has integrated staffs.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER - Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

Mrs. Alexander provided the following report:

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

The matter of the resignation of Mrs. C.M. Birnie was presented and discussion followed about whether the Executive Committee could fill vacancies between Board meetings or whether the vacancy would have to remain until the next Board meeting. The chair was called upon for a ruling on the right of the Executive Committee to fill interral vacancies on that committee. It was the ruling of the chair that, under the by-laws, the Executive Committee had the authority to fill such vacancies. Miss Wilkins suggested that we leave ourselves without filling the vacancy created by Mrs. Birnie's resignation until the next meeting with the hope expressed that in the interim someone will see Mrs. Birnie and she will reconsider and withdraw her resignation. If she does not then the vacancy will be filled at the next meeting.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - G.S. Alexander

Mr. Alexander reported as follows on the total Board membership:

Before the November Board meeting, the Council had 75 Board members of which 25 were ex-officio members.

Members at the Tuskegee Board meeting did not nominate the following members for re-election:

1. Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill, South Carolina
2. O.D. Duncan, Stillwater, Oklahoma
3. R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston, Texas
4. Clyde Milner, Guilford College, North Carolina
5. L.E. Thomas, Miami, Florida
6. A.S. Turnipseed, Mobile, Alabama

In addition there were six known vacancies on the Board. Of those elected at the Tuskegee meeting the following have accepted:

1. Dr. L.H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
2. Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock, Arkansas
3. Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Georgia
4. Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte, North Carolina
5. Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina
6. Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama
7. Mr. W.E. Solomon, Columbia, South Carolina
8. Mr. York Willbern, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The following persons have refused:

1. Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta, Georgia
2. Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta, Georgia
3. Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville, Kentucky
4. Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans, Louisiana
5. Mr. Frank Price, Lexington, Virginia
6. Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville, Kentucky
7. Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia, South Carolina
8. Mr. Julian Price (Deceased), Greensboro, North Carolina

The following persons have been invited to serve on the Board but have not replied as yet:

1. Mr. James Stewart, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2. Mrs. E.J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas
3. Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Louisiana
4. Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington, Virginia

The following persons who were nominated as alternates have not as yet been extended an invitation to join the Board:

1. Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Mississippi
2. Dr. Raymond Wheeler, North Carolina

The Board as of January 18, 1956, has 78 members and 5 vacancies.

The ex-officio membership is complete.

Members of the Committee stated that since four persons were invited but have not accepted and some have not yet been invited and there are only five vacancies there was no need for action at this time by the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. G.S. Alexander gave a report on the status of the proposed SRC Finance Committee. Each of the twelve State affiliates have been asked for nominations, and Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi alone had not yet sent in nominations.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Mitchell proposed that we organize three area meetings of the Committee members which Mr. Wright and also Mr. Mitchell would attend. Those present at these area meetings would be asked to make plans for raising money.

PLACE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

After some discussion on the shift of this meeting from New Orleans to Atlanta, and of the experience thus far with the Executive Committee meetings scheduled outside Atlanta, the suggestion was made by the Executive Director that in the future we schedule all meetings of the Executive Committee in Atlanta, except the one during the summer months. Upon motion by Mr. Wright this was agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned until the evening session.

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The Committee reconvened at 7:30 P.M. in the Lounge of 63 Auburn Avenue. The Committee members present were: Marion A. Wright, The Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O., J.M. Dabbs and Josephine Wilkins. Staff members present were George S. Mitchell, C.H. Parrish, Harold C. Fleming, Fred Routh and John Hope II. Elizabeth Friedman served as Secretary.

The meeting took up the matter of possible libel suits. The Executive Director summarized information obtained from a visit by Mr. Morris Abram to interview legal firms engaged in libel practice in New York. Morris Abram reported that it was altogether possible that a firm could be induced to take the cases on a contingent-fee basis, but that the most suitable such firm

held that a sum of $10,000 to $15,000 would have to be provided for the preliminary close scrutiny of the writings and history of persons who might be parties to the suits.

The report was made also of the efforts through Mr. Wright to get word to the newspaper involved in the libels that the Council has friends.

"No suit in the name of the SRC," the Executive Director said, was presently under consideration.

Mr. Wright: So there is no action to be taken at this time?

Executive Director: The question is "Would the Council oppose private law suits by the parties libelled?" Of course, the SRC's good name is involved.

Miss Wilkins: Anything expressed at Tuskegee? They wanted something done? There was no expression of not wanting action?

Mr. Fleming: The people who are interested in suing are interested, not from the point of view of personal vindication, but from principle.

Mr. Wright: A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained. But the individuals have been jumped on by the Hearst paper because they have been on the Board, because they have been our friends and helpers. We are under moral obligation to be of any help to them. Do not go into the treasury. If they want to bring suit we should help them.

Miss Wilkins: They will be helping the Council if they bring suit.

Mr. Wright: A suit would not help us - financially or otherwise.

Miss Wilkins: If the individuals bring suit, do you feel that that is a disadvantage?

Mr. Wright: I would rather that the individuals not bring the suit, but I would not impose my judgment against that of these people.

Father Shean: Does it weaken the suit if only four or five bring suit?

Mr. Wright: It will be separately by individuals.

Mr. Dabbs: I agree with you - on legal opinion. I would simply say I disagree with you personally.

Mr. Wright: It would not be a legal matter. I have the feeling that no good will result, but some harm might come from a suit. We should be of all aid we can to the individual. The Council would have no standing in court.

Mr. Mitchell: There is a common law right to defend ourselves as a Council.

Miss Wilkins: After all this was regarding an attack on the members of the Board of SRC by bringing suit. They will not only fight their own battle, but also SRC's battle, and also a much greater battle. I felt we were all helping each other.

Mr. Mitchell: The staff would gather from this debate - if some desire to sue, the SRC will render what support it can.

Mr Wright: I interpret that as being our unanimous opinion. Is there any dissent? (There was none). It is the unanimous decision that the Council should render all assistance it can to individuals who may desire to institute some action.

John Hope: Is there any difference between the SRC taking the position of giving all assistance possible and the other position that they back? You see the process of clipping people off one at a time. The reaction began to form when some people stood their ground.

BUDGET FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

The Executive Director in the unavoidable absence of Mr. G.S. Alexander stated that Mr. Alexander had made a careful examination of the various categories of expenditures under the budget as approved by the Tuskegee Board meeting and had found that, item for item, we were quite close at the expiration of the first quarter of the fiscal year to having spent an even quarter of the funds budgeted.

The Committee, on the basis of the Director's report on the budget for the last quarter, on motion approved continuance on the present basis for the ensuing quarter.

The budget analysis referred to above which was not distributed at the time to Members of the Executive Committee is appended to the Minutes of this meeting as Exhibit B..

THE SOUTH AT A CRISIS

Mr. Wright suggested consideration at this point of the papers which were read by Mr. Fleming and Mr. Routh in the afternoon, which papers had been requested by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Hope suggested that the various consultants be supplied with these papers in full.

The papers are appended to the Minutes as read. The cautionary remark was made by each author that the papers had been prepared under pressure of time and were held subject to considerable revision.

Mr. Parrish, in discussion, spoke of the importance of finding the next spots to work on in each of the States and of planning to remove from the public mind the various fears pushed by anti-compliance organizations. He wanted us to give attention to techniques in human relations appropriate to local situations; and to the engagement of the interest of new people who might not be willing to go all the way, but who did respect law and order and who did dislike violence. In some part it became a matter of getting good new people on to the State Boards.

Mr. Hope spoke of the importance of getting results in some communities as

an encouragement to others. Also he thought that Southern areas would greatly care what opinion of them was held in Washington and the rest of the world. The South "gets more money from the United States Treasury than any other part of the country." We could begin to probe into the propriety of this. Such problems as transportation and others were collateral to the school question.

Father Shean said that many people who think they are standing alone are surprised to find the amount of agreement elsewhere in their communities.

Further discussion came around to the view that the content of the two papers should be the basis of an early special issue of New South. And the Committee upon motion directed that this be done.

STAFF ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Wright brought up the resolution made at the final Executive Session at the Mammoth Cave meeting last summer, which action had severely limited staff attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright said in subsequent conferences with the staff that it had appeared to him that the arrangement set up at Mammoth Cave was not an altogether happy one. He had therefore asked the staff to submit a proposal on that matter. The Executive Director then read the memorandum following:

January 20, 1956

TO: The Executive Committee

FROM: The Professional Staff

RE: Staff Participation in Executive Committee and Board Meetings

The staff fully recognizes that the Board and Executive Committee have complete authority to prescribe the degree of staff participation, if any, they wish to have in policy-making meetings. The purpose of this memorandum is merely to set forth in an advisory spirit our best thinking on the subject.

The aim of any arrangement should, it seems to us, be two-fold: (1) To make possible the fullest sharing of ideas and opinions by professional staff and policy persons; but at the same time (2) to safeguard the privacy of the policy group in actual decision-making and in considering staff members, staff performance, and other intimate organizational questions.

As your professional staff, we feel that we have much both to give and to get by participation in policy discussions. We are able in this way to benefit from the experience and knowledge of our lay leadership; we can deepen our insight into what is wanted and expected of us; and we can emerge with sound understanding of the thinking behind decisions which we are to implement. Conversely, Board and Committee members will have the advantage of detailed information and insights which staff members derive from day-to-day work in this field. Creative interchange of this kind seems to us the essence of wise formulation of program and policy.

We emphasize, however, that once full discussion has taken place and all views have been frankly expressed and considered, decision is exclusively the function of the policy group. Staff members have neither the right nor the desire to intrude on this function.

In order to further these objectives, we propose the following arrangements:

(1) That the Executive Director, the Assistant Directors, the Director of Women's Work, and the Secretary-Treasurer be present at all except Executive Sessions. It is recognized that there will be sessions in which the presence of the Executive Director alone would be desirable.

(2) That the agenda for each meeting be so ordered that there are ample Executive Sessions during which the Committee or Board may make its final decisions and take up matters of a private nature.

(3) That the agenda be so planned that staff members may know in advance which sessions they are expected to attend.

(4) That both staff members and policy persons carefully observe the distinction between open sessions and Executive Sessions and guard against ill-timed discussions.

Mr. Wright indicated intention on the part of the Executive Committee in Executive Session to decide any action on this matter.

DEATH OF DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER

Upon motion the following resolution was approved and ordered sent to Mrs. Alexander:

We, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, wish to acknowledge the incalculable debt which we, the South, and the Nation owe to the late Dr. Will W. Alexander. It was largely through his leadership that Negro and white Southerns first joined in equal dignity to seek the way to a more democratic society. The growing number of Americans devoted to the achievement of this aim stand as a living memorial to his unfaltering faith in his fellowmen. Here was a man who translated into skilled actions the thoughts of a keen mind and the love of a great heart. We shall gravely miss his wise counsel but we re-dedicate ourselves to furthering the task which was his life-work.

NULLIFICATION, INTERPOSITION, UNDSOWEITER

Father Shean, Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming and others briefly discussed the purport of this present controversy. Father Shean thought there ought to be some clarification of the public meaning of the controversy.

Mr. Wright suggested that Mr. Fleming be in touch with Professor Jay Murphy of the University of Alabama, and get also additional aid from recent articles

that have appeared in law journals of the University of Virginia and the University of South Carolina.

Upon motion it was resolved that a letter be sent to Dr. Gordon Hancock expressing the hopes of the Executive Committee for his early and full recovery.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then met briefly in Executive Session. It had before it the staff memorandum dealing with staff and Board relations given on page 9. After full consideration of the proposal, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the resolution be approved. Whereupon the Executive Committee adjourned for the evening.

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The Committee reconvened Saturday morning, January 21. Present, from the Executive Committee, were: Marion A. Wright, J.M. Dabbs, Josephine Wilkins, The Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O. Those present from the staff were: Harold C. Fleming, Fred Routh, John Hope II, C.H. Parrish, Mrs. Dorothy Tilly. Mrs. Marjorie Fiske served as Secretary. The Executive Director was unavoidably absent on a previous engagement in New Orleans. Frank Loescher, of the Fund for the Republic, was present.

LOESCHER ON HIS TRAVELS

Mr. Loescher very kindly gave to the Executive Committee various impressions of the journey he was making about the South. He had attended a meeting of the Consultants at Atlanta University and thought it a valuable activity with a constructive program underway. He had been impressed with the activities of our friends in Virginia and most particularly with the religious forces in the State.

In South Carolina he had felt some affinity with conditions in South Africa. He had been understandingly assisted by Mr. McCain, by Father Shean and by various others.

He had visited our offices in Florida and Mississippi and at Montgomery he had attended a meeting of the bus-boycott group: a most impressive occasion.

He saw a need of interpretation to the nation of the silent South - the people whose voices are not being heard.

After further discussion Mr. Fleming referred to the desirability of efforts to protect the right to vote and the conversation carried along that line for some time.

Mr. Hope said the more we can get information and block it in so that we can use it, the better we can carry on informing the public. In cooperation with the Consultants Program there were possibilities of getting probably gratis assistance from university set-ups to organize and analyze blocks of material. We need such material not only for the Consultants, but also to get

out information to the general public.

Mr. Fleming: How can we develop a systematic professional service of intake and analysis of this kind of raw material?

Mr. Loescher: Many believe we ought to get every State to get a social scientist on its Board. Consultants might give some though as to how the social scientists might make research available from each State.

Mr. Wright thought that with material of this kind we might enlarge the Government's definition of disaster areas.

Mr. Fleming asked the Executive Committee to give some expression for the Minutes on the general subject. "That the staff explore, in conjunction with the affiliated State organizations, an arrangement in each State toward the development of a systematic region-wide fact-finding program to document practices in the crucial areas of race relations today."

Mr. Griffin: Did you mean to proceed or to just bring in plans by next Executive Committee meeting?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to work it out in terms of organization.

Mr. Wright: It would be the view of the Executive Committee that the proposal outlined by Mr. Fleming be authorized to begin at such time as in the discretion of the staff is wise.

Mr. Loescher saw the analogy of what was being proposed to a present school reporting service and legal reporting service. This now emerges as an economic and political reporting service. Discussion was also underway with Southern churchmen about a religious reporting service.

THE WORK WITH CHURCH WOMEN

A great deal of what has been discussed relates to whole work as well as to what Mrs. Tilly is doing. She is interested in it as it relates to the Church. When we talk of "social engineers," we need a voice in the Church. All the methods and thinking you can present won't amount to very much unless you can work out a motivation for it. In Time, there appeared a story of an old Negro woman who had been walking for a long time and when asked if her feet were tired, she said no, her feet were rested, but her soul was tired.

The silent Church is a part of the silent South Mr. Loescher referred to. Mrs. Tilly expressed concern that it has no spiritual side. There must be a religious conviction. It isn't going to come about through social scientists, obviously. Mr. Mitchell wanted her to go to various denominational boards and talk about the moderate man who has no convictions. The Citizens' Councils are building on Bible misinterpretations. That side we have neglected. Somewhere on that basis she has been trying to work with Church women. An example is the Georgia Council of Church Women which was not a very strong organization. They wanted to, but didn't accomplish so much. She had a two-day retreat for them - gave them something to fight for - a cause. Now they are a strong

and sturdy organization. A pamphlet on the Bible is needed refuting what the Citizens' Councils are doing. And it is needed now. It should not bear the SRC label.

Mr. Dabbs: Church men plan to get out a leaflet on the refutation of Bible interpretations. The idea is to get four or five leading ministers rather than someone from a theological school. But, it should be publicized by individual denominations but signed by these men.

POST-1957 PLANS

As time progressed toward adjournment, Miss Wilkins asked that the discussion of a post-1957 program carry over as the first item of business at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and that in the call for the next meeting the attention of the Committee be drawn to the fact that this topic was to come up at the meeting. This was moved, seconded, and carried.

PROPOSAL FOR MORE SUBSCRIBERS

Mr. Parrish suggested the Council explore the possibility of having State organization members 300 strong each approach twenty friends and give them a one-year subscription to New South, thus reaching 6,000 more key Southerners.

Mr. Loescher suggested getting national agencies and groups to get subscriptions for their members.

Mrs. Tilly expressed the need for items more simple for New South.

Mr. Wright conveyed the appreciation of the Committee to Mr. Loescher for his presence and the meeting adjourned at 12:40.

FILE COPY

Atlanta, Georgia
January 16, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with Comments, are shown below:

Exhibit A - Balance Sheet, December 31, 1955
Exhibit B - Statement of Income and Expense, Central Office, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955
Exhibit C - Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 1 - Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
Schedule 2 - Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Co.
Schedule 3 - Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Literature
Schedule 4 - Accounts Payable, December 31, 1955
Schedule 5 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 6 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Commission on Equal Penalties, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 7 - Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements, State Divisions, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $ 18,408.97
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $ 53,594.38

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at December 31, 1955 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - $ 89,486.10

This consists of nine Treasury bills of $10,000 each dated October 13, 1955, due January 12, 1956. They are held by the Citizens Trust Company on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank. The bank has been instructed to reinvest this fund upon the maturity of the bills.

Accounts Receivable - $ 84.00

Schedule 3 attached shows a list of those who have purchased literature, and whose accounts remain unpaid at December 31.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $ 1,530.00

This represents the cost price of pamphlets on hand at December 31, 1955.

Accounts Payable - $ 1,789.56

Schedule 4 contains the list of unpaid accounts for regular operations at December 31. These have all been paid at the date of this report.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $ 1,894.24

This represents social security taxes and income taxes withheld at December 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Due to Special Projects - $ 1,148.31

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects indicated. No activity took place in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the year.

Advance Appropriations - $112,500.00

This represents an advance from the Fund for the Republic for the next nine months of operation of the Central Office and State Organizations.

General

Exhibit B reflects Income for the Central Office for the year of $89,938.26 and Expenses of $86,506.19 or an excess of Income over Expenses of $3,432.07.

Exhibit C shows the Income for State Organizations of $151,537.50 and Expenses of $127,963.22, and an excess of Income over Expenses of $23,574.28 for the year.

At December 31 all twelve state organizations had been activated, although some began operations late in the year.

In our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Statements of Income and Expense present fairly the financial condition at December 31, 1955 and results of operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)		$ 18,408.97	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects(Sch. 2)		53,594.38	
State Divisions Savings		89,486.10	
Accounts Receivable (Sch. 3)		84.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets		1,530.00	
Total Assets			$ 163,103.45

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 4)		$ 1,789.56	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,894.24	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.46	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	807.24	1,148.31	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic		112,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 117,335.57
Surplus, December 31, 1955			45,767.88
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 163,103.45

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Contributions:		
Church Sources:		
The Board of Education of the Methodist Church	$ 300.00	
The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church	750.00	
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church	1,200.00	
The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.	1,000.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	250.00	
The Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.	200.00	
Michigan Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church	100.00	
Georgia Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church	25.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Glenn Memorial Church	50.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kentucky	75.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Disciples of Peace Fellowship	25.00	
Total Church Contributions		$ 3,995.00
Labor Organizations:		
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - A.F.L.	500.00	
American Federation of Labor	1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers of America - CIO	100.00	
United Auto Workers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations	750.00	
Total Labor Organizations		4,350.00
Foundation Sources:		
Field Foundation	7,000.00	
Doris Duke Foundation	10,000.00	
Miller and Rhodes Foundation	200.00	
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00	
Rita H. Aronstom Charitable and Educational Foundation	50.00	
Sidney Hillman Foundation	200.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Total Foundation Sources		18,350.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Brought Forward from EXHIBIT B, Page 1	$ 26,695.00
Individuals	3,694.00
Miscellaneous	11.00
Total Contributions	$ 30,400.00
Members Dues	337.00
Honoraria	1,721.96
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	2,657.72
New South Subscriptions	4,876.50
Fund for the Republic Grant	46,850.00
Interest Income	3,095.08
Total Income	$ 89,938.26

EXPENSE

	Paid	Due Dec. 31	Total
Salaries	$ 56,228.28		$ 56,228.28
Travel	7,369.75	$ 901.40	8,271.15
Printing	6,997.84	514.22	7,512.06
Rent	1,400.00		1,400.00
Telephone & Telegraph	2,235.08	187.70	2,422.78
Postage	1,535.21		1,535.21
Books and Subscriptions	686.28	22.64	708.92
Accounting Fees	550.00	45.00	595.00
Office Supplies	1,501.16	88.60	1,589.76
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com.	2,310.56		2,310.56
OAB Taxes	780.20	50.24	830.44
Bank Exchange	2.55		2.55
Georgia Sales Tax	19.03	3.46	22.49
Office Equipment	601.42		601.42
Office Alterations	200.00		200.00
Consultants Fees	1,557.00		1,557.00
Special Services	541.97	30.00	571.97
Miscellaneous Expenses	146.60		146.60
Total Expenses	$ 84,662.93	$1,843.26	$ 86,506.19

Total Income - 1955	$ 89,938.26
Total Expenses - 1955	86,506.19
Excess of Income over Expenses	$ 3,432.07

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic			$150,350.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations			1,000.00
Interest Income			187.50
Total Income			$151,537.50

EXPENSE

Salaries	$81,182.51		
Consultants Fees	5,500.00		
Local expenses	28,713.32		
Social Security Taxes	1,393.13	$ 116,788.96	
Items Chargeable against Unallocated State Funds:			
Fisk Institute	$ 2,236.64		
Legal expense	572.16		
Atlanta University Conf.	826.92		
Report to Exec. Com. by Asst. Dir. for Program	350.00		
Mammoth Cave Meeting	605.30		
Irene Osborne	5,436.47		
John Hope	1,000.00		
Miscellaneous	146.77	11,174.26	
Total expenses			$127,963.22
Excess of Income over Expenses			$ 23,574.28

EXHIBIT C

BANK RECONCILIATION - FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Atlanta, Georgia

December 31, 1955

Balance, per bank				$20,749.96
Less checks outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	7362	$ 177.26	
7145	140.00	7363	138.43	
7354	104.50	7364	94.95	
7357	362.87	7365	94.95	
7358	253.56	7366	204.10	
7359	243.56	7367	119.80	
7360	181.43	7368	75.05	
7361	138.43	7374	4.31	2,340.99
Balance per books, December 31, 1955				$18,408.97

Schedule 1

BANK RECONCILIATION - CITIZENS TRUST CO.,

Atlanta, Georgia

December 31, 1955

Balance per bank				$58,942.83
Less Checks Outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
1962	$ 7.20	2448	$ 88.19	
2362	181.43	2449	98.19	
2365	100.27	2450	73.95	
2392	35.00	2451	224.10	
2403	181.43	2453	181.43	
2407	44.80	2454	83.19	
2419	83.19	2455	182.26	
2433	46.77	2456	172.26	
2437	186.43	2457	208.33	
2438	197.26	2458	102.09	
2439	82.79	2459	142.91	
2440	181.43	2460	187.26	
2441	93.19	2461	85.27	
2443	100.27	2462	44.00	
2444	44.80	2463	192.26	
2445	186.43	2464	177.26	
2446	88.19	2465	88.19	
2447	176.43	2467	1000.00	5,348.45
Balance, per books, December 31, 1955				$53,594.38

Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE
December 31, 1955

Virginia Council on Human Relations	$ 80.00
Methodist Publishing House	2.50
Burlington,North Carolina City Schools	1.50
Total	$ 84.00

Schedule 3

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
December 31, 1955

Vendor	Amount
M. A. Wright	$ 30.00
Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations	.90
The Reporter	4.50
Texas Observer	2.00
University of Chicago Press	6.00
L. E. Campbell	45.00
National Education Association of U.S.	9.24
Office Supply Co.	3.30
Mathews Drive-u-self Service	7.99
Mimeograph Co.	8.60
Elliott Address Machine Co.	30.55
F. Olden Co.	71.00
Stein Printing Co.	483.87
Frederick Routh	5.90
Cook Typewriter Service	5.70
Southern Bell Telephone Company	187.70
Eastern Air Lines	887.51
Total	$ 1,789.56

Distribution:

Printing	$ 514.22
Office Supplies	88.60
Books and Subscriptions	22.64
Travel	901.40
Special Services	30.00
Accounting	45.00
Telephone & Telegraph	187.70
Total	$ 1,789.56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Special Projects

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1955	$ 1,370.99	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00	
Honorarium	97.00	
Total Receipts		$ 2,467.99
Disbursements		
Workshop Expense	827.75	
Travel	782.55	
Postage and Supplies	50.45	
Total Expense		1,660.75
Balance, December 31, 1955		$ 807.24

Schedule 5

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1955	$ 341.07
Disbursements	
None	
Balance, December 31, 1955	$ 341.07

Schedule 6

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
STATE DIVISIONS
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

	Balance 1/1/55	Receipts	Disbursements
Alabama	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 2.00
Arkansas	8.00	5.00	13.00
Florida	29.50	15.00	44.50
Kentucky	3.00	1.00	4.00
Louisiana	6.00	-	6.00
Mississippi	9.00	6.00	15.00
South Carolina	22.50	-	22.50
Tennessee	6.00	3.00	9.00
Totals	$ 85.00	$ 31.00	$ 116.00

Schedule 7

FILE COPY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

September 21, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., September 21st, in the Conference Room, Harkness Hall, Atlanta University, by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. A. W. Dent
Mr. John Griffin
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Father Maurice Shean
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams

Staff members present were:

George S. Mitchell
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Frederick B. Routh
John Hope
John Constable
G. S. Alexander
Elizabeth Brantley

Invocation by Father Maurice V. Shean. The Minutes of the meeting of July 20-21, as previously mailed to members of the Committee, were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was postponed until later in the afternoon.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Mitchell. Executive Committee met carefully in July -- August is a dull month and not much happens. Compressed the reports of staff members, and said that they, in turn, would report in more detail: nine states at least will meet fund-raising quotas; Mrs. Tilly has very important meeting coming up in October; Harold Fleming has sent in opus of fact-finding on the degree of desegregation since the Supreme Court decision; John Hope has got going again with teaching people in the states how to do. As to money: required to raise $55,000 this year (October 1, 1955 - October 1, 1956) to draw next year's money from the Fund for the Republic and has raised $57,000 or $58,000; helped greatly by providential sums -- New World Foundation, $17,000, for John Hope's

program; and $5,000 from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation; around $45,000 is available (though bits are in special pockets for specific purposes) for several months in the coming fiscal year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander submitted to members of the Executive Committee the report of the state organizations' fund-raising efforts during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Dabbs. Do state organizations receive credit for subscriptions to New South obtained in that state? Said the report from South Carolina he last saw showed around $3600 or more collected; nearly $600 of that was for New South subscriptions.

Mrs. Alexander. Figures shown on chart [attached] were inclusive of August amount only, and that perhaps the next report from South Carolina would show the amount as stated by Mr. Dabbs.

Mr. Dent. Question re contents of letter dated August 7, 1956, as mentioned in column 2 of the state organizations' mimeo'd report.

Mrs. Alexander. Letter referred to amount to be raised pro rata by each state organization, in conformity with amount from SRC.

Mr. Dent. If state organizations do not raise quotas, would they be given the full amount?

Mr. Routh. Last fiscal year further funds were withheld for days or weeks from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, which states had not met quotas. After they met their quotas, SRC resumed assistance to them.

HOST REMARKS

Mr. Clement. Very pleased to see members of the Executive Committee and central staff present. Doubled in case of Paul Williams, former President of the SRC, now reelected as Vice-President and therefore a member of the Committee.

Mr. Clement has talked by long distance with Mr. Wright a couple of days ago. Mr. Wright regretted that his wife's illness made it impossible for him to be at this meeting.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BUDGET

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of a comparison of the 1955-56 budget with actual income and expenditures as of August 31, 1956. Stated that total expenditure to date ($88,006.64) represents 94.7 per cent of total budget for 1955-56. [attached]

Mr. Mitchell. Comparison sheet does not show $17,000 from the New World Foundation or $5,000 from Christopher Reynolds Foundation; ups total income by $22,000.

Mr. Williams. Estimate the prospects for next year from Marshall Field, Doris Duke, John Hay Whitney, and labor sources.

Mr. Mitchell. Marshall Field grant for three years -- next year is the last. Doris Duke has rule against any consecutive appropriations, but believe it is possible to get a one-year grant again. John Hay Whitney Foundation has notified SRC of provision for Mrs. Tilly in coming calendar year in the amount of $2,000. Labor should give $5,000, though Fred Routh believes SRC can get $25,000.

Mr. Mitchell. Practically sure to get $51,500 next year. Need to raise above that $26,000. Sum is $77,500. Of that nearly $45,000 will be on hand October 1st. Spending money next year: assuming that operations will be continued through the coming fiscal year as at present, salaries = $46,000, and for other items -- travel, communications, rent, etc. -- $85,000, exclusive of John Hope's program and exclusive of what might be added for fact-finding as is going on now. Add $7,000 more for John Hope ("and I would be in favor of adding a good deal more") and $5,000 for fact-finding, get a grand total of $100,000, including $3,500 for meetings, etc. Staff can probably fit together $75,000. Somebody has got to find $25,000 more than is in sight.

Mr. Dent. How much found this year in areas which you have not included?

Mr. Mitchell. $60,000 outside of grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Mr. Dent. Aside from what is included in estimate of $75,000 which staff might fit together, how much of $25,000 would be from sources from which money was received this year?

Mr. Mitchell. Only such source is New World Foundation.

DISCUSSION OF STAFF MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1956
RE FUTURE OF SRC AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1957

Each member of the Executive Committee had received a copy of the memo in the mails. Mr. Fleming was asked by Dr. Mitchell to speak for the staff.

Mr. Fleming. Memo is self-evident. Made longer than most so that it would be fairly self-explanatory.

All Committee members had read the memo and discussion proceeded.

Mr. Dent. Memo suggests a revision of the present structure. Can see some virtue in so doing, but would like to have stronger arguments about it before supporting it. Memo suggests emphasis on central operation rather than as at present emphasizing state organizations.

Mr. Clement. Whatever is decided about the memorandum as being an acceptable and wise program will not alter the present method of operation which continues through September 30, 1957.

At this point the Committee asked that the motion made at the Tuskegee meeting (November 9, 1955) be read: "On motion by Miss Josephine Wilkins, the staff was directed to submit to the Executive Committee at an early meeting, not later than the April meeting, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the Fund for the Republic."

Mr. Dent. Would like the staff to speak to the point of why SRC can conduct an operation more effectively through a centralized rather than through a state organizations agency.

Mr. Fleming. First, this is discussion of proposals for the period after completion of the present grant -- that is, after September, 1957. It is not conceived as a reversal in the sense of withdrawing aid previously committed to state organizations; the original commitments will have been carried out during the three years, ending October 1, 1957. It is a future effort by the Council which is essential in protecting investment made during those years. In the past two years, we have committed the regional movement pretty largely to subsidy, strengthening and working with state groups. Of the four Assistant Directors whose views are incorporated in this memo, three are directly, or almost exclusively, concerned with state organizations, and the other is concerned to some extent. That is one quick index to our emphasis on decentralization. None of us feels that this has been the wrong emphasis. But what has happened since the Supreme Court's decision was made justifies some reorientation. The opposition to integration has been unified and elevated to a much higher level of organization than it was before. Resistance movements are inter-state in character -- as evidenced by recent events in Tennessee and Kentucky. Propaganda is nationwide and reaches other parts of the world (such things as the Southern Manifesto, and airing the views of leading segregationists through mass media). National opinion has been markedly influenced by this powerful, concerted inter-state resistance in the South. An outstanding example was the appearance in U. S. News and World Report of a document critical of Negro intelligence. Also, the way in which the trend in the South has been interpreted nationally. These are matters of concern.

At the "Hard-Core" Conference, the impression of the staff was that state groups -- while they have worked hard and the central office has been trying to help them -- feel quite frustrated. With reason, because the broad forces supporting segregation have tied their hands, silenced their potential allies, and cut off some of the funds that might have been hoped for, hampering their working out any sort of effective local programs. They cry, "What can we do when all opinion and official power are so strongly directed the other way?" We feel that we are going to have to do more than is possible under the present arrangements to reach and influence and contribute to some of the broader forces that are shaping the total situation.

There is a tendency to look to the central office for professional service, for program, for guidance -- in short, for full national operation. Many state groups feel quite dependent upon the central office for assistance. Consider the expectations of our own policy group. In Executive Committee meetings the discussion continuously turns to the SRC and its staff and what it is doing to broaden its sphere of activity and influence. In the face of these expectations and needs, central staff feels quite frustrated at times because so much of its time and resources are directed toward being an advisory body.

Mr. Dabbs. You are recommending a sort of cutting loose of state groups, and also an attempt to influence opinion more than we have. Suppose we do need to do those things; why do you have to change from state organizations?

Mr. Fleming. What is being proposed is nothing new -- only that we fulfill our commitments under the grant for the three-year period. It was originally agreed that after three years the states would be free. However some additional support should be offered by the Council in some form of grants-in-aid. As to affiliated status at the end of the three-year period, the state groups will have benefitted about as much as they can by having a dependent relationship to the Council through direct subsidy. Beyond that period such a relationship would stultify rather than lead to growth. Mr. Fleming further said that the Council probably cannot get resources to do what it has done in terms of services to the state groups, and to do a program job through its own staff for the central office also. About the same thing applies to the difficulty of getting enough skilled people to do a job. This memo (1) provides aid for the states, keeping cooperative and friendly relationships, and (2) puts the state organizations on their mettle. Remember, too, that we have one further year of direct aid to the states, during which they should grow stronger and more self-sufficient.

Question. After the three-year period the states would be on their own, but would they be free to come to the central office for assistance?

Mr. Fleming. Yes. But assistance would be given on the basis of merit, rather than on relationship. We would continue giving the state groups services, but hope that we would not have to be quite so exclusive about the consultant services; services to be made available on the basis of need, but not limited or directed solely to the state organizations.

Father Shean. There is need for heavier regional concentration. Met in Washington recently with representatives of other similar organizations to discuss means of cooperating and coordinating in this particular field. Main question: "What can these organizations do to help implement the Supreme Court's decision." Discussed the need of perhaps another coordinating agency, perhaps built up with a small staff to do just what has been proposed in the central office staff memo. Forty-six organizations were represented at the Washington meeting. Emphasized to them the practical means at hand to persuade everybody to work on a local basis together, so that each group would not feel as if it were working alone. At present there is no clearing house, nobody who can be a total guide so to speak, and here is something that seems a great need for and of the moment. The reorganizational memo is concerned with a structure which might provide such cooperation.

Miss Wilkins. Is there a proposal to set up such a new organization?

Father Shean. Matter was referred to a committee. Father Shean is a member of the committee.

Miss Wilkins. Would it not be a good idea to sell the Southern Regional Council to them on this basis?

Father Shean: This could be done, but at the time of the meeting did not have the staff memo before me.

Mr. Hope. Southern Regional Council is in a unique position to become a channel for regional and national organizations. Under the proposed reorganization, each state's program findings could flow normally through into each of the other eleven states. There would be the assumption that a state organization is active in a state and is performing efficiently and a good vehicle. But it would not be awkward, and now sometimes it is, for the central office to go into a state and take some sort of action.

Mr. Williams. Was it not a part of the original proposal to the Fund for the Republic that there was a great deal of need for the state organizations?

Mr. Fleming. Purpose then was quite legitimate. Supreme Court was going to rule, and it was felt that once the principle of integration was established, implementation would break down into many

varying local problems. Developments have not followed this pattern, and we need a stronger central organization to work for acceptance of the principle itself.

Mr. Clement. In personal contacts with the Fund for the Republic people, the Fund for the Republic feels that this is a logical turn for us in the light of the change which has taken place in Southern affairs. It will not by any means harm program by revising our method of operation to meet the situation.

Mr. Griffin. It is a bit too optimistic to assume that the work will flow on. The state organizations might find that they are up against the same things that the Council has been up against in times past.

Mr. Fleming. Question is whether it would be found that the work in the state groups would pay off better if most of the energies and resources were thrown into direct support, or if the energies and resources were directed toward creating an effective climate for compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. Most of the state organizations should survive -- will have a tough time, but most can continue to produce fairly effective programs under the new arrangements.

Question. How many do you think will be able to continue with present professional staff?

Mr. Fleming. Relying on information from Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish, most will continue.

Mr. Routh. Roughly eight of the states can continue with professional staff -- perhaps nine.

Mr. Fleming. A generous sum is being made available to each state during the coming fiscal year, which sum should be a pretty good boost in the next year. At end of next year hopes to feel pretty confident that the states could make it on their own.

Mr. Parrish. Might have effective Board persons in one state and a weak staff person, or vice versa in others. Each state has its own particular difficulties.

Mr. Dent. During the last two years we have been building techniques for dealing with an emphasis upon state organizations. If we propose to build an organization which places the major emphasis on regional operation, what does that imply from the standpoint of techniques, and what does it imply from the standpoint of staff structure?

Mr. Fleming. Staff is hardly in position to evaluate itself. However, there is nothing in this memo which does not grow out of the present situation as we see it. Every one of the activities listed represents areas in which the staff has felt needs. The staff has been

able to do something -- though not enough to be more than somewhat frustrating -- to show the possibility for much more activity along those lines. The Council possesses the knowledge and insight into techniques that would be needed. It would call for a reevaluation of the total staff structure, because what is suitable for one approach and what is suitable for another may be quite different. Not prepared today to submit any suggestions re specific reorganization of staff and structure. It needs to be worked out with great care and consideration by the Executive Committee with such help as the staff can give it. Some of the things we are now doing are adaptable to this approach. For example, the consultants' service program as directed by John Hope. This kind of service should by no means be restricted to the state affiliates. It could be very effectively applied in a number of different cases. SRC activities could be broken down into these general classes: (1) executive and administrative, concerned with organizational matters as such; (2) two different classes of program activities: (a) area of information, and (b) area of field services -- both in the broad sense. In information, the Council has sought to do a good deal right along, in addition to the state organizations' job.

Mr. Mitchell. It is an arrangement whereby state organizations can continue to survive and do a good job. There will be some situations in which a state organization partially survives, someone being paid a per diem fee from this office to go into a state and service some special need.

Mr. Clement. Subsidy could be given directly as the need arose to a particular state.

Mr. Routh. C. H. Parrish and I have participated in some programs outside of the SRC state organizations; specifically work in states where affiliates are not available.

Mr. Fleming. There is a great demand for this sort of work now, and it is greater than SRC can now conscientiously supply without sacrificing some of its present obligations.

Mr. Dent. What are the implications to such staff as we have or may develop after October, '57 in this suggestion of a change in emphasis? It could very well be that your techniques for working with the type of people you have in the state organizations might be quite different in working with YMCA, B'nai B'rith, etc.,people.

Mr. Griffin. In one specific area it is implied that additional skilled research interpretation would be obtained.

Mr. Hope. As of now the consultants service program depends upon request from a state for assistance. That implies that if an organization does not ask for assistance none can be given in that state. In one particular state there is a great deal of unrest and I have received requests from the Congregational Church and others to put people into that section to work on integration. As it stands now, the consultants can do very little. What is needed, and is offered by the staff memo, is more flexibility.

Mr. Fleming. There is an increasing need for developing, not only general information for mass distribution, but specific information for specific purposes based upon new research or fact-finding. This has been tried on a small scale with pretty good results. But presently SRC does not have the time or staff or resources to do a really effective job. Could farm out certain aspects of the research which would be used directly in program.

Father Shean. Do persons presently members of the staff of SRC possess qualifications needed to carry on an operation of this sort?

Mr. Fleming. I believe so, but there will be additional staff needs.

Mr. Clement. Out of this discussion the Executive Committee hopes to formulate recommendations to the Board as to the sort of program which should go on after October, 1957 -- maybe something in the interim -- and as to the new Director, beginning January 16, 1957. When those two things have been done, the Executive Committee will need the help of the new Director in setting up the structure necessary to facilitate whatever program may be agreed upon. We will then need to work at staff needs and staff personnel to fit whatever program is agreed upon to operate until October, 1957, and after. In position now to formulate ideas as to (1) structure, (2) function and program, and (3) as to the selection of a new Executive Director. The Board can do whatever it pleases with whatever recommendation we make. When the new Director takes office before the end of the grant period, there will be a time when we will have to reexamine program and staff and bring into conformity.

Mr. Dabbs. If we decide to approve the plan as presented in the memo, can formal approach be made to the Fund for the Republic until the Board has met to back up our proposal?

Mr. Mitchell. There's no urgency about it. If we get a letter to the Fund for the Republic shortly before January 1, 1957, we are in pretty good shape.

Further discussion followed on the presentation of the memorandum to the Annual Meeting. It was felt that the memo should be mailed to Board members well in advance of the November meeting so that they would have a chance to study it and come to the meeting prepared to make recommendations if any.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approves in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September, 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program.

Upon motion it was agreed that the Committee would go into Executive Session after adjournment of the present session.

Mr. Alexander presented to the Committee, for its approval, the proposed wording for a scroll which is to be presented to Leonard Haas at the Annual Meeting.

Session adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m., September 21, 1956.

RE LEONARD HAAS

The Chairman of the Executive Committee reported that in Executive Session the Committee had approved the wording of the scroll which will be presented to Leonard Haas at the Annual Meeting in November.

APPROVAL OF STAFF ACTION RE ALLOCATION TO STATES ACCORDING TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT FORMULA

Mr. Routh. All states in fiscal 1955-56 had available money for employment of professional staff on an interracial basis. Those who had so employed professional staff will be protected. Some received $10,000 for two full-time directors, and others received $7,500 for salary of an executive and for secretarial help. The states having received $10,000 were Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas. Those receiving $7,500 were Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Virginia. Of $100,000 from the Fund for the Republic, total expenditure of $97,500. Balance of $2,500 could be used at discretion of central office. Reason for holding Mississippi out is because Mississippi was put on probationary status at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The total of $2,500 comes within the twenty-five per cent variable which the Executive Committee allowed to staff for state organizations.

Mr. Mitchell. Question arises because we undertook nearly three years ago to provide each state with even-steven assistance. The further we get the more we are convinced that our aid should be tailor-made. We made very special effort to enable each state to employ a Negro and a white professional staff person. We have done our best to stand behind continued employment for the added personnel.

Upon motion the Executive Committee unanimously approved the staff action re allocation to states according to the twenty-five per cent formula.

MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL'S PROBATIONARY STATUS

Mr. Routh had hoped that it would be possible for an organization to function in that state. Board's first chairman was dedicated and a good man -- Rabbi Mantinband. Next person was a good person and a fine

lady -- Mrs. Ratliff. In spite of this the Board had difficulty in relating to the chief staff person. Repeated complaints came into the central office re inability of the organization to function as it should. Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish made an emergency trip to Mississippi to discuss with the Board current difficulties. From that trip Messrs. Routh and Parrish drew up a memo outling difficulties.

Mr. Routh. Recommended to the Executive Committee that, after due consideration he and Mr. Parrish feel that the condition has not been sufficiently improved to warrant continued support from the central office to the Council in Mississippi.

Discussion by Messrs. Parrish, Dent, Clement, Fleming, Shean, Routh, and Brazeal.

Mr. Routh read from the joint statement of the Mississippi Council, beginning at the point discussing the charge of lack of staff efficiency:

"We have considered this carefully, careful investigation was made, and we have been unable to get any appreciable report. No complaints have at any time been made to the Board of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations of staff inefficiency, and the Board members are unaware of personality problems."

Discussion established that complaints were made to the central office and not to the Board of the Mississippi Council. Mr. Routh stated that the situation was probably due to both staff and Board indirection.

The Southern Regional Council staff had been directed to make recommendation as to what disposition should be made of the Mississippi Council, and Mr. Routh did so as follows:

"After a thorough review of the activities of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and the prevailing climate of attitudes and pattern of practices in the state, the assistant directors for state organizations respectfully recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that: (1) the Board and Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations should be notified that our financial support of the MCHR will be terminated as of January 1, 1957; and (2) that should MCHR fail to meet its minimum requirement in fund-raising for the 1955-56 fiscal year, that funds be withheld as of October 1, 1956."

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that the staff recommendation re discontinuance of aid to the Mississippi Council on Human Relations be approved.

Mr. Mitchell. Stated that there was a possibility that Arkansas would be placed on provisional status because of failure to raise sufficient funds -- that too rests with the Committee.

Mr. Parrish. Raising a certain amount of money is not an adequate criterion for evaluation of a state organization.

Mr. Routh. All are agreed that Arkansas has excellent program. This creates the problem of cutting off an organization which has an effective program.

Mr. Clement. Presents question of whether the Committee wishes to apply the mechanical device set up by the motion of the July 20-21 meeting without regard to program underway, or whether it wishes to allow the staff of the central office leeway in the prosecution of the resolution.

Further discussion followed, after which the following resolution was unanimously approved:

We reaffirm the action taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting August 16, 17, 1955, in which the Executive Committee recognizes its responsibility in requiring the states to meet their pro rata share within each fiscal year, and that in 1956 the staff be given power to use its discretion as to states which might have this extended one month -- to October 31st.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At the last meeting (July 20-21, 1956) the staff was instructed to bring in a proposed change in the by-laws for presentation to the Board to empower the Executive Committee to fill vacancies within the Executive Committee from among members of the Board of Directors between annual meetings, subject to confirmation of the succeeding annual meeting.

Mr. Alexander presented the following change, which was upon motion unanimously approved: (Article V, Section 1)

At Present:	Proposed Change:
.... Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.	.... Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Board.

UNUSED STATE FUNDS

Mr. Mitchell. Requests authority from the Committee to make available to Virginia and to Tennessee some money this year, which we quite understand they will be using next year.

Mr. Routh. Tennessee has recently received $350 for local use out of their special emergency fund set up for them. The use of this money will actually carry over into the coming fiscal year. Comparable action was taken prior to October, 1955. Virginia has had an allocation of up to $12,500 for the 1955-56 fiscal year. They have used far less than that amount. They have now asked for additional funds out of the current allocation to hire special consultants to work in critical areas -- Fairfax County, Arlington, etc. A real push now for school integration might bring results in January. Dr. Mitchell has told the Committee that there is $10,200 leftover money from state programs, and he proposes that up to half of this money be made available, at the discretion of central office staff, for use among various state organizations.

Mr. Mitchell. This adds to the twenty-five per cent discretionary powers which were given to the central office at Frogmore. Now asking for another $5,000 of discretionary money. Money is available if the Executive Committee authorizes it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed to give the central office staff discretionary powers for using up to $5,000 of unexpended state funds, for assistance to state organizations in the coming fiscal year.

WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

Mr. Fleming. The April Executive Committee meeting instructed the staff to explore the possibility of a favorable statement from the President of the United States.

General opinion, after discussion, was that the matter should be taken up again.

PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SRC

Mr. Clement stated earlier in this meeting that the Executive Director would be leaving the Council in mid-January, 1957. At the last meeting a sub-committee was appointed to find a successor; report to be presented in Executive Session, and in turn to the Annual Meeting in November.

During the current session, the following occured.

Miss Wilkins. A committee should be appointed to prepare some kind of appropriate testimonials to the outgoing President and

Executive Director of SRC.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to be ready with appropriate resolutions in view of the services of the Executive Director and the President of the Council.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that bound volumes of New South, for all the years of Mr. Wright's service as President of the Council, be presented to Mr. Wright at the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee suggested that the Executive Director of the Council be authorized to telegraph to Mr. Wright expressing regret at Mr. Wright's absence from this meeting, and the reason therefor, and recognizing his services, and extending sympathies with his situation. So ordered.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session on Friday afternoon, the Executive Committee on motion adopted the plan of within-grade promotion as recommended by the Personnel Committee, herewith:

Executive Director -- $10,000 - $12,000

Assistant Directors -- $7,000- $ 9,000
($250 increments every year until top grade reached)
Administrative Assistant -- $6,000 - $8,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Secretary-Treasurer -- $4,000 - $6,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Stenographers -- $3,000 - $4,000
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

Clerical Assistants -- $2,700 - $3,200
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

Managing Editor of New South -- $5,000 -
(Upper limit not set by personnel committee. Recommend $5,000 - $6,500; $250 increments every year until top grade reached)

Research Assistant -- $4,000 -
(Job not yet classified by personnel committee. Recommend $4,000 - $5,500; $150 increments every year until top grade reached)

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Director of Women's Work -- $5,000 - $6,500
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Upon motion, approved recommendation of the special Nominating Committee for an Executive Director, (the Committee having been Marion Wright, Rufus Clement, George Mitchell, Josephine Wilkins, and John Griffin), and agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of Harold Fleming as Executive Director to succeed George Mitchell, January 16, 1957.

Discussion in the Executive Session led to the conclusion that it would be well for a memo to be prepared by the staff with generous assistance from Harold Fleming giving a review of the program planning of the staff; such a memo would be sent out to members of the Board well in advance of the Board meeting November 14th; the memo would be consistent with whatever draft may later on result of a letter to the Fund for the Republic from the President of the Council requesting renewal of aid from that body after October 1, 1957.

Discussion revealed that members of the Executive Committee believed that a particularly helpful feature of the proposed memo would be comprehensive discussion about the desirability of continued primary emphasis on state organizations as against a more centralized operation.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Williamsburg, Virginia
November 14, 1956

The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. in the basement of the Brick House Tavern, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Invocation by the Rev. J. Claude Evans

Board members present were:

Mrs. W. F. Bates
B. R. Brazeal
W. C. Brooke
I. H. Burney
Paul R. Christopher
Mrs. James S. Crate
C. S. Cartwright
James M. Dabbs
Herbert M. Davidson
A. W. Dent
Caxton Doggett
J. Claude Evans
M. Lafayette Harris
Duncan Hunter
A. L. Kidd
John R. Larkins
A. G. Moron
Mrs E. U. Robinson
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Charles A. Shaw
Mrs. E. M. Sparling
James E. Stewart
Mrs. Tommie Stroud
W. E. Solomon
Miss Florence Sytz
John H. Wheeler
Miss Josephine Wilkins
York Wilbern
Paul Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Morris Young
Thomas Young
Whitney Young, Sr.
John A. Griffin

Staff members present were:

George S. Mitchell
Harold C. Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
John Hope II
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
John Constable
Fred Routh
G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley

Mr. Gordon Hancock, our senior Vice-President, journeyed to Williamsburg for the announced second day of the meeting, but found the business had been concluded on the previous evening.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the Board having received mimeographed copies of the report some days before the meeting, it was upon motion unanimously agreed to, and all actions therein reported adopted and ratified.

TWO-MINUTE STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Mr. Mitchell reported that eight or ten of the state organizations may be counted upon to endure. John Hope and C. H. Parrish found a new way to work -- the consultant service -- which succeeds. New South subscriptions now up to 5,000, mainly through the state organizations' memberships, and a circulation of about 6,000, which keeps growing. SRC, he said, used to struggle along on $35,000 and $40,000 a year. This year we will use for the central office a good $100,000. We have failed on one thing: we have never found a way to raise substantial amounts of money within the South.

As the Executive Director had previously by letter announced to the Board members his intent to resign as of January 15, 1957, he used this occasion to thank the members of the Board for their continuous and faithful support in the past ten years, and to bespeak their future similar support to his successor.

Mr. Mitchell then asked the leading staff members to report briefly.

Assistant Director for Information

Mr. Fleming stated that all of the Board members have been receiving quarterly reports, and thus a good part of the work of the information staff has been reported to them. In addition to the Council publication, New South, a good many books and other materials have received widespread distribution from the central office to people able to use them in their own interest groups, and also to members of the Board. Have done more in terms of press releases and mass media. This is a continuing function so long as the eyes of the nation are on the South and race relations in the South.

Facts gathered on desegregation in the South are incorporated into a booklet, Integration North and South, which, it is hoped, will combat some of the defeatism and discouragement among people who want to help. The status of Negro suffrage in the South, state by state, is being prepared into a region-wide summary. Have commissioned a small study of industrialization in the South. An analysis is being put into shape and some interesting conclusions will emerge as to what the racial implications are, and what documentation can help move economic leadership in the South. The results of a survey of "resistance" groups will be distributed shortly.

Mr. Fleming commended Miss Irving and Mr. Constable for their work as a part of the information staff.

In reply to Mr. Shaw's question, Mr. Mitchell said that releases were going to all persons that the two of them saw in Houston on a recent visit to that city by Mr. Mitchell. In reply to a question about an AP release on the desegregation survey out of Washington, Mr. Fleming said that all publicity was released by the Fund for the Republic, which published the booklet.

Mr. Dent commented on a dilemma faced by SRC: the need to get public credit as an aid to fund-raising, as opposed to the effectiveness of getting ideas and information quietly into the stream of public opinion. He expressed the hope that the need for credit would never prevent our doing the quiet, behind-the-scenes job. Mr. Mitchell said that that called for a double system of bookkeeping -- one in which we are invisible and one in which we are in evidence.

Assistant Directors for State Organizations

Mr. Parrish said that he has recently been concerned primarily with the consultant program and commented on some of the values from that program. The consultant program has pulled into the organization persons who otherwise would not have been involved. It has succeeded in separating the role of analyst and expert from the role of advocate. Visits to Mississippi in company with Fred Routh underlined the importance of evaluation criteria of work accomplished. Mr. Wright asked how far the directors have gone in evaluating the work of the state organizations. Mr. Parrish stated that, working on the theory that program is important, he has tried to separate certain objective criteria determining value of program from organizational structure; knowing how to involve people at different levels.

Mr. Routh said that two years of the three years of promised diminishing aid have been completed. We have felt our way along, as there were not many guide posts because of the nature of the states and the nature of the work. Have guided state organizations into being, with at least eleven organizations going at the present time. The Executive Committee, after hearing reports from the assistant directors, decided that the Mississippi Council on Human Relations had not gotten sufficiently off the ground to warrant further financial aid, and such aid would be terminated January 1, 1957. Tennessee has not gotten off the ground organizationally, but program-wise they have gotten a good start; the leadership of the new chairman there will pull things together.

Tailor-made aid is being given to the states during this current year on the basis of states which have secured integrated staff receiving more than those which have not, with no more than a twenty-five per cent variation from the norm, as empowered by the Executive Committee.

As to evaluation criteria, we have now learned what the problems are, and what significant programs there are in the states at this time. Now we are urging the groups toward greater autonomy. Most are assuming responsibility of guiding their own destinies and raising their own funds. Even Mississippi this year raised its $3500. Tennessee will

make it when it pulls its Board together and acquires staff.

Various questions were asked concerning withdrawing of aid from Mississippi: Does that mean that the Council is seceding from Mississippi? Does that mean that the Council was not able to secure leadership in Mississippi? Does the Mississippi group understand why they are not going to get money next year?

Mr. Routh stated that there was a problem of staff and Board relationship; leadership of the organization itself; Board composed of only about fourteen members; inadequacy of program. Mr. Routh further said that since Mississippi had been notified that aid would be discontinued, it had written the central office that it planned to continue as an organization on its own. Mr. Parrish stated that the decision to discontinue aid to Mississippi was made by the Executive Committee.

Assistant Director for Program

Mr. Hope stated that his primary responsibility is the direction of the consultant service program which aims at flexible corralling of a wide variety of highly qualified specialized skills that are available within and without the region, bringing them to bear within the region; first within our own family or state organizations; then into community organizations within the states, and spiralling out from that as far as our funds will allow us to go. Beyond that to serve interested organizations that are not affiliated that have definite need for technical assistance. The problem is how to motivate effective leadership. Question of efficiently using resource is increasingly important. Presently attempts to deal first with leadership within our SRC family by a series of one to two day workshops -- informal discussions with Board and staff aiming at clarifying respective roles, digging into specific questions and problems of that particular state. The consultant's role is to react to the questions and problems of the people involved. Now is anticipating moving to the next level of leadership -- the community level -- as various degrees of readiness are beginning to show over the South and people want to know how most efficiently to act. Superintendents of school boards, study committees of the boards have and may express interest in obtaining help, and we want to find ways and means of getting that help to them. Presently making explorations in Florida, South Carolina and Kentucky -- most progress in Kentucky. Recognized that this whole movement must of necessity be operated to reach certain people who are interested in the problem, who know a great deal about it, but who do not have the time to think of the best techniques or to explore the considerable developments in social science and social engineering.

Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Parrish had the idea of using able and largely Negro brains to help people. These people (the consultants) have already trained state boards and are preparing to get out and work with local educators -- please get him some jobs.

Looking to the future, Mr. Hope stated that he thinks of another phase or type of use where that element isn't as important. In some cases will probably be looking for another type of person -- the practitioner with integration experience -- to supplement the present group. Would like to keep the program tailor-made to the needs.

To the question of whether he had been approached by a community for advice toward desegregating schools, Mr. Hope said that there had been indirect proposals. Mr. Wright stated that a reputable newspaper man in North Carolina has twice made the statement in recent interviews that he, the newspaper man, felt that three North Carolina towns would take steps to integrate this Fall.

To the question of where the money comes from for the program and whether monies received are sufficient, Mr. Hope stated that a special grant was received from the New World Foundation. Also, he said, the program is at a pilot stage and would be particularly flexible in its own service to communities. Where an organization in a community is an organization that itself has the ability to contribute, we would not want to deprive it of that opportunity.

Director of Women's Work

Mrs. Tilly stated that on October 30th and 31st she held a meeting of 109 women from ten Southern states: Jewish Catholic, Protestant, white and Negro. The lists of women to be invited were given to us by their national or regional church boards. The invitations were sent from the office of SRC, but in many instances these were supplemented by direct communication to them from their own boards.

Mrs. Tilly commended the cooperation of the staff in helping her get together materials needed for the meeting. The workbook prepared for the meeting contained worship services, a section on the long trails and trials to the Supreme Court decision, a section on recent state action, a section on the number of Negroes registered to vote county by county within the states. Workshop leaders were Father Shean, Mr. Art Levin, and Miss Thelma Stevens. Dr. A. C. Miller of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was spiritual leader.

Mrs. Tilly distributed to the Board excerpts from some of the letters she had received commenting upon the meeting. She reported plans for future meetings on state-wide and South-wide bases.

Editorial Assistant

Mr. Constable reported a growing subscription list for New South. This is due partly to the growth of state affiliates. New South has carried a variety of subjects: citizens councils, St. Louis integration, integration at the SMU Theology School, economic aspect of segregation,

and religious activity. The July issue carried a revision of the pamphlet, Answers for Action, which is now Next Steps in the South. Some of these issues received special distribution: economic issue to chambers of commerce officials in Southern states; integration of theology school issue to 200 educators over the South. Current issue (November) concerns race and intelligence, and the December issue will reprint Dr. Johnson's article which appeared in the New York Times Magazine.

Mr. Doggett commented that Miami Beach, Florida, will now entertain interracial conferences on an integrated basis. Mr. Shaw asked if the U. S. News and World Report was receiving releases from the Southern Regional Council, and was told that it was. Mr. Doggett said that the head of the Conference Bureau in Miami Beach is Thomas Smith, but that Miami Beach is not necessarily equipped to handle an all-Negro conference.

Mr. Stewart asked if a study of hotel accommodations throughout the South had been made, suggesting that such a survey might prove encouraging to others. Mr. Fleming said that to gather the facts in so obscure a field requires a good deal of staff work. Did collect some instances, but perhaps missed some because of the quietness with which they are done. Mr. Dent suggested that such a survey be a future project for the Council, saying that it will be helpful to find out what is being done, and citing as examples work done with the police, library, and firemen surveys. Mr. Dent also wondered whether Miami Beach had lost anything economically, saying that the Chambers of Commerce might advocate this sort of thing because of the economic advantage.

Mr. Davidson asked if the American Friends Service Committee membership had been circularized with the New South issue dealing with integration in the SMU Theological School. Mr. Constable replied that the issue was circulated to a special list of educators prepared by the AFSC. Mr. Davidson further said that the Jefferson Conference of the Unitarian Church would be interested in helping. Reverend John C. Fuller, First Unitarian Church, Orlando, Florida, is Chairman of the Jefferson Conference.

Mr. Dent said that he hoped all of the material that we get out is being sent to the daily press and that the editors are being kept up to date on these things. Mr. Constable said that there are 97 dailies in the South which receive New South. It was noted, also, that frequently the press comes to SRC for information.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Alexander reported that SRC had met and passed its quota of fund-raising for the last fiscal year, and that all books had been duly audited. She thanked the Board for its help in the past year and asked for its help during the coming year.

Administrative Assistant (Budget Officer)

Mr. Alexander stated that he had made comparisons between the budget as approved for 1955-56, and the actual income and expenditures for 1955-56, and the estimated budget for 1956-57, as attached.

In reporting the item listed as estimated expenditures for four months of the fiscal year 1956-57, Mr. Alexander stated that only four months of the 56-57 budget was proposed because the Board might approve a change in the program structure which would cause a change in the budget. Mr. Alexander also stated that there had been an increase in expenditures of approximately 10.8 per cent, which increase covers within-grade promotions of staff people plus a slight increase in social security taxes. For the current fiscal year, contributions expected, income expected, etc., amounting to $83,470, subtracted from the anticipated budget of $100,331 leaves approximately $16,000 more to be raised from other sources. On hand from the fact-finding program is approximately $32,000, from the consultant service program $15,500 more, a balance of $47,500.

Mr. Mitchell stated, as to the four months' budget for the fiscal year 1956-57, one man leaves and another man comes in. The Board would be discussing sweeping changes in program and if it approved now a budget for four months, that would cover the month in which the Executive Committee would next meet.

It was, upon motion by Mr. Wright and second by Mr. Brazeal, approved that the budget for four months be adopted in its entirety now, holding in abeyance the budget for the full year , and giving the Executive Committee authority to determine the budget for the remaining eight months.

DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

The Board earlier unanimously approved the following resolution in tribute to Dr. Charles S. Johnson:

> On this Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Southern Regional Council we consider the passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson a grievous loss. From the inception of the Council, of which Dr. Johnson was a principal founder, he gave invaluable leadership. We shall sorely miss his understanding, his guidance, and his wise counsel. Not only this organization, but the Southern region, the field of higher learning, and the nation itself will be the poorer without him. But the concept of democracy, which he did so much to further, will continue to grow -- and this will be to him a living testimonial.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the Minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to Dr. Johnson's family.

Mrs. Tilly and Mr. Mitchell paid verbal tribute to Dr. Johnson. Mr. Mitchell made reference to the early days of founding. Mrs. Tilly stated that Dr. Johnson had obtained money which made it possible for her group of women (The Fellowship of the Concerned) to hold its meetings October 30-31.

MR. MARSHALL FIELD

Mr. Dent said that Mr. Marshall Field had for many years a personal interest in the work of the Council, and Mr. Dent was inclined to believe that although the funds for many years have come through the Foundation itself, earlier funds had come directly from Mr. Field.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that a resolution be sent to the appropriate places and persons expressing our warm appreciation for the valued support of Mr. Marshall Field. It was suggested that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Editor of the Chicago Sun Times, to Mrs. Field, and to the Foundation.

> The Southern Regional Council, at its Thirteenth Annual Meeting, notes with sincere regret the passing of Marshall Field who was long one of its best friends and most generous benefactors. Mr. Field's deep dedication to democracy is recorded in his gifts to the many organizations which work for equal citizenship for all people. Long after any stone monument would crumble, the memory of Marshall Field will be enshrined in the hearts of the people for whom he helped obtain a fuller recognition of their intrinsic human dignity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting proceeded at length in the absence of the staff (including the absence of the stenographer), and the record available is that dictated by the President, Marion A. Wright, after the executive session:

State Council & SRC relationship

At the Executive Session meeting it was agreed that the proposal submitted by Dr. Clement in behalf of the Executive Committee, and dated October 22, 1956, be approved with two amendments. The first of these amendments is to strike out the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 6, and substitute in lieu of that language, the following: "This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations, particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund-raising.

It was the sense of the Board that the central staff, during the next eleven months, should give such advice and counsel as it could to the state organizations by way of assisting them to qualify for future grants from the Southern Regional Council.

The second amendment to Dr. Clement's proposal was to strike out the language, "during the affiliate period," appearing on the fourth line from the bottom of page 6.

This action was taken with regard to the office now held by Mr. Mitchell.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in 1956 Annual Meeting confirms the continuance of George S. Mitchell as Executive Director through January 15, 1957, accepts his resignation from duty status as of that date, and effective as of January 16, 1957, elects Harold C. Fleming as Executive Director for the remainder of the year.

Directors, officers, and Executive Committee members as nominated by the Nominating Committee were elected; except that the Executive Committee was empowered to name to the Board and to its own membership, in lieu of Father Shean and Mr. Christopher. a person representing the Catholic clergy, and a person representing organized labor, respectively.

The present Assistant Directors, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel were confirmed.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, as follows:

Your committee was composed of I. H. Burney as Chairman; W. Carroll Brooke and B. R. Brazeal and Mrs. E. U. Robinson and Guy Johnson.

The first three members of the committee met in Atlanta September 17th.

There were four vacancies on the Board. To these vacancies we make the following nominations:

1. Philip G. Davidson - Kentucky
2. Charles F. Steele - Kentucky
3. (name deleted)
4. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - Georgia

We named a single alternate -- Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr., a farmer of Somers, Va.

For officers of the Southern Regional Council our nominations were not altered from the present officers, namely:

Marion A. Wright, President - North Carolina
Gordon B. Hancock, Vice-President - Virginia
Albert W. Dent, Vice-President - Louisiana
Carter Wesley, Vice-President - Texas
Paul D. Williams, Vice-President - Virginia

The members of this year's Nominating Committee who were able have met briefly again today, and have confirmed these nominations.

The By-Laws provide that the Executive Committee shall be composed of nine persons elected by this Board plus the officers of the Council.

We nominate for these nine persons on the Executive Committee:

1. Rufus E. Clement - Georgia
2. J. M. Dabbs - South Carolina
3. Paul Christopher - Tennessee
4. John A. Griffin - Georgia
5. Harry V. Richardson - Georgia
6. The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O. - South Carolina
7. Josephine Wilkins - Georgia
8. B. R. Brazeal - Georgia
9. The Rev. Duncan Hunter - Alabama

It is to be noted that the last two names are members of this Board as representatives of the Georgia and Alabama state organizations, respectively.

An additional duty is laid upon us of nominating to you three persons suitable to be members of next year's Nominating Committee. Two other persons will be put on the Nominating Committee at a later time by the Executive Committee. Our nominations to the Nominating Committee for next year are:

1. J. M. Richards
2. B. E. Mays
3. C. G. Gomillion

FINANCES

Mr. Mitchell stated that he hoped at this meeting to elicit some ideas from the Board in regard to fund-raising. The Finance Committee which was set up elected two members to it from each state organization, and has had two meetings -- sum total raised by Finance Committee members is $150. Some Board members have been sending in money themselves, but they ought to get larger sums from other organizations or individuals.

Mr. Christopher suggested that each member of the Board dictate two or three types of letters and provide names and addresses of people -- indicating which type of letter should go to which person -- asking for contributions to the Southern Regional Council, and so moved. The motion did not pass. After further discussion and upon motion by Mr. Shaw, it was agreed that the Executive Director send a reminder to each member of the Board at a specific time requesting that they write a letter or letters to persons requesting contributions to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Christopher suggested that this be done right away.

BY-LAWS

Upon motion it was agreed that Article VI, Section 1, should be amended to read:

> Article VI. Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors, a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director, assistant directors, and secretary shall not be members of the corporation. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the secretary-treasurer shall not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Article II, Section 8. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Upon motion it was agreed that Article VI be amended to contain reference to the office of Secretary-Treasurer by the addition of the following:

> Article VI, Section 8A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sections 7 and 8 may be assigned to one person. This person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion it was agreed that the last sentence of Article V, Section 1 be amended to read:

> Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

At this point Mr. Moron suggested that the words "corporation," "council," and "board," each meaning the same thing, be incorporated into the word "council." Mr. Mitchell said that this would be done.

SPECIAL MEETING

Miss Wilkins stated that because of the desirability of holding a meeting of the Council earlier in 1957 than provided in the by-laws, it would be necessary for the Council to take some action to permit the calling of such an early meeting. Upon motion the following resolution was passed.

> The Southern Regional Council by this resolution suspends for 1957 the provision contained in Article II, Section 5, of the By-Laws setting November as the time of the Annual Meeting, and in lieu thereof empowers the Executive Committee to summon the Council to meet at an earlier date (perhaps July, 1957) within the discretion of the Executive Committee.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wright stated that the Executive Session by enthusiastic and unanimous action chose Mr. Fleming to succeed Mr. Mitchell as Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Fleming said that it was a very great honor and said that the Council's action confirms a team operation; has an excellent staff to work with; a great pleasure to serve with them as "the man on the hot spot." Mrs. Tilly said that the staff was elated that Mr. Fleming was chosen as Executive Director.

PRESENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Council twice applauded a vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell for his service to the Council during the years he has served as Executive Director. The Chairman of the Executive Committee has been asked to work out a plan for honoring the Executive Director.

APPRECIATION OF LEONARD HAAS

Mr. Haas could not be present at the meeting to accept the scroll prepared in recognition of his services to the Southern Regional Council as Counsel. It was suggested that the central office arrange a gathering -- details left to the staff -- and present the scroll to Mr. Haas at some time convenient to Mr. Haas. Mr. Mitchell said that this would be done.

OTHER

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Dent said that the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Clement, had a conflict of meetings and could not be present at the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

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1/15/57

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

May 14, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

Will you take on responsibility for contriving language suitable to be used in a scroll honoring Mr. Leonard Haas; to be available in time for illumination in time for the Board meeting prospectively in November.

GSM.

eab/

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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GORDON B. HANCOCK, RICHMOND
VICE-PRESIDENT
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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
F. B. ROUTH, STATE ORGANIZATIONS
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IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK
KATHERINE STONEY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

May 15, 1956

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

FILE COPY

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

There is no reason for me to assume that I would be thought of for re-election as your President. It seems wise, however, to remove that possibility from speculation. My decision is not to permit my name to be considered at the next annual meeting.

I make this announcement well in advance of the event in order that full consideration may be given to a successor.

My tour of duty in this office has brought me many satisfactions, not the least of which has been the privilege of knowing in the membership of the organization the choice spirits of the South. Knowing them, one may only have confidence that the South will yield itself to their leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright

MAW:ejg/eab

May 29, 1956

FILE COPY

GSA:

Where do you want to have the Board meeting in 1956?

By my quite possibly wrong calculation it comes on Wednesday, November 14th.

eab/

June 28, 1956

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We are in the process of making plans for the annual board meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 1956.

We are desirous of meeting at Tuskegee again this year and would like to use the facilities of Dorothy Hall. We would appreciate your clearing this with the proper authorities at Tuskegee Institute and letting us know whether or not we could come to Tuskegee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Bd mtg 11/14/56

July 6, 1956

RHA:

See what I am sending the others.

What do you think you ought to send out?

Clearly a review of the fiscal year 1955-56.

Clearly I must prepare a budget for 1956-57.

I will ask GSA to work on a budget and to work with you on a forecast of the revenues for 1956-57.

eab/

cc: GSA

Bd mtg
11/14/56

July 6, 1956

GSA:

See what I have sent the others and to RHA. Will you begin now to prepare a budget for 1956-57, and a forecast of expectable revenues for 1956-57, such as combined I can make report-wise to the Board ahead of time.

Should be ready by or before November 1, 1956

eab/

cc: RHA

Southern Reg

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 12, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

Dear Board Member:

The 1956 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council is set for Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, 1956.

Accommodations will be available for members at Dorothy Hall, either for the night of November 13th or November 14th or both. Meals will also be available at Dorothy Hall.

The nearest railroad station to Tuskegee is Cheehaw on the Atlanta West Point Railroad. The nearest airport is Montgomery, Alabama. If you will let SRC in Atlanta know ahead of time, we can arrange transportation from the Montgomery airport to Tuskegee Institute.

As usual, SRC will pay the expenses of members to attend this meeting.

Please come to the one meeting in the year.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:eab

P. S. The minutes of last year's meeting, as approved by a Committee, are enclosed herewith.

July 23, 1956

RHA:

Be sure to get word to CHP and John Hope to hold November 14th for the Board meeting.

eab/

July 27, 1956

GSA:

Please get earliest word to Paul Williams of settled-upon date of meeting.

GSM/eab

cc: GSA

July 27, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I found when I got back that our people had sent out a letter to you asking your views on when the September meeting should be.

Easy thing to do would be to try for some days to hold all of the dates mentioned, and we will do our best to get immediate word back to you as to dates all clamped upon.

Mighty nice to be with you last evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

CLASS OF SERVICE

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(13).

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

cc: to RHA 7/30/56

July 30, 1956

Mr. Warner Moss
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Warner:

You have made most handsome arrangements, and we are deeply grateful. Please lock and confirm them with Mr. Batchelder.

We will contract for the two taverns. We will need no banquet. We will hold our meetings in the basement of the Brick House Tavern. I am a little skittish about that for fear it won't be large enough for 40-50 meeters; Batchelder would know. And we could do some squeezing.

We assume that our meals would be as before; that is we would wander over to the Lodge and use the general dining room.

Our meetings would begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14th. I would not expect a night meeting that evening, but the Board may fool me and put one in. We would continue to meet until about noon on Thursday, November 15th, and then we would all be scattering during the afternoon of the 15th.

It is extremely kind of the Restoration to take us in, and we are very grateful to them. And I am grateful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Got your wire, and the Treasurer will be writing to Batchelder right away. As S.C.M. would say, "profoundly grateful!"

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

FOUNDED IN 1693

WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

RECEIVED JUL 30 1956

28 July 1956

Dear George:

This is to confirm and elaborate on our telephone conversation.

Batchelder, at the Lodge, remembered you and the group last spring a year ago and said he believed it would be possible accomodate a party of forty to fifty but that he would have to check, especially in regard to the use of meeting rooms. And Industrial Relations Conference of about 150 will be meeting here at that time and for a period of two weeks. Since they have been coming now for seven years he feels he must give them a priority on arrangements. Since the Colonial Williamsburg offices are closed on Saturday he will have to wait until Monday morning to get word on just how extensively they will wish to use the meeting places. He felt that it would not be possible to provide any private dinning room for a banquet.

He believed that the best plan would be to use the Brick House Tavern (with a meeting room in the basement) and the Market Square Tavern. When I called him back after my conversation with you and told him space would not be needed for a banquet he felt this ould make it easier to accomodate the group. He expects to call me on the phone Monday, probably in the morning.

I wish that I had been here when you called and that I might have been able to take care of the matter on Friday and get it all settled. But I was observing the Virginia Democrztic party convention in Richmond. The most extreme poxition attempting to commit the members in the state legislature appears to have been defeated in the resolutions committee. The convention seemed absolutely confident of carrying Virginia ofr the Democratic Party- really I've never heard any well-informed person suggest any other possibility.m The noisy and estreme crowd seemed to prevail though the moderates made themselves heard. In conversation there were many who were repared to admit they had misgivingd about the interposition business. As long as some people are willing to stick their necks out for interposition there are others who will say nothing even though they are not too sure. An ugly note enterd when the chairman of the northern Virginia delegation offered to have a roll-call of his anti-segregation delegation and there were calls, "Find out who the ringers are!" Oliver W. Hill, though bound by the unit rule in his delegation voiced his opposition to some of the resolutions.

The prize incident was the muzzling of a Richmond woman who wanted to amend the resolutions- they found out afterwards her resolution was one in prqise of Senator Byrd! But they must have been jittery.

Best wishes for Ellen's trip. We got the business of credits pinned down before she left so that even if I get fired and Marsh should resign the College is officially pinned down on the program.

Love and best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

Warner

Warner Moss

July 31, 1956

Mr. Warner Moss
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Warner:

Maybe I have and maybe I have not a little plum to pass out. My secretary says she doesn't think she will go to Williamsburg November 14th and 15th to take the Minutes because she thinks I work her so hard she doesn't get to see anything, or ride in the fancy coaches. We could pay some top-hole stenographic person thereabouts $40.00 or even $50.00 for taking the notes and typing them up. We have had sad experiences of low-hole stenographers who don't get it.

We have got some months yet to worry about it. But I thought I would see if you know a lady thereabouts who would do the squiggling. How does it sound?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA (no daily file copy)

July 31, 1956

RHA:

You should now begin to be in correspondence with the man Batchelder at Williamsburg to lock down the facilities for our meeting. I will be glad to advise at any point. Batchelder's initials must be in the files from previous correspondence.

eab/

July 31, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The meeting of our Executive Committee shifted the Board meeting, which was set for November 14th at Tuskegee Institute, to be November 14th and 15th at Williamsburg. The Restoration will give us two taverns, and we may dine variously at the Lodge.

We expect the meeting to cover the afternoon of November 14th and the morning of November 15th. I give you this earliest notice in hope that your shining face will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
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Central File Copy

MEMORANDUM

August 1, 1956

To: Members of the SRC Board

From: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Re: Change of Place for Annual Meeting

It was decided at the last meeting of the Executive Committee that the place of the annual meeting should be changed to Williamsburg, Virginia. We are therefore notifying you that the annual meeting will be held November 14-15 at Williamsburg, Virginia. The first session will begin on Wednesday, November 14, at 2:00 P. M., and the last session will be held on Thursday morning, November 15, from 9:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Arrangements for lodging and meals will be made through this office at a later date.

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Dean
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We want to thank you for making arrangements for our annual meeting which was to be held at Tuskegee.

The Executive Committee at its meeting on July 20-21, 1956, decided that the meeting would be held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

With kindest regards to you and the Tuskegee staff, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

July 5, 1956

Annual mtg.

Miss G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Alexander:

I have conferred with the director of housing concerning your request for permission to hold the annual board meeting of the Southern Regional Council at Tuskegee Institute on Wednesday, November 14, 1956, and have been informed that the meeting might be scheduled for that date. As last year, the facilities at Dorothy Hall will be available.

Thank you for considering holding the meeting here again.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion

cgg:m

WILLIAMSBURG RESTORATION
INCORPORATED
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

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August 9, 1956

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

I am delighted that the Southern Regional Council will be with us again this Fall.

We will hold the Brick House Basement meeting room for your two meetings, Wednesday, November 14th, at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 15th, at 9:00 a.m.

We realize the group will eat as individuals in the Lodge Main Dining Room.

In regard to the rooms we will have rooms to take care of your group at Brick House Tavern and Market Square Tavern and some of the cottages under operation of the Inn which are within the Lodge rate range.

Because of very heavy advance bookings in the Lodge itself, we would have to insist the larger part of reservations be in double rooms.

Looking forward to having your group, with us and thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

William P. Batchelder

William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge

August 2, 1956

Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

Dr. Mitchell tells me that through Mr. Warner Moss at the College of William and Mary, you have agreed to accommodate the members of the Southern Regional Council Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting, November 14-15, 1956, at the Williamsburg Lodge. Thank you for this consideration.

I understand that the Brick House and Market Square Taverns will be available to our group. There will be from 40 to 50 people in attendance at this meeting. Dr. Mitchell has suggested that we hold the meetings in the basement of the Brick House Tavern, if you think it will accommodate up to 50 people.

There are two meetings scheduled—the first begins Wednesday, November 14, at 2:00 P.M. and the second begins Thursday, November 15, at 9:00 A.M., and should end around noon or shortly thereafter.

As to meals—the group would eat in the Lodge's general dining room at the regularly scheduled mealtimes.

Will you be so kind as to confirm these arrangements at your earliest convenience.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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P. S. Our staff, remembering yesteryear, ardently hopes that The Shop can go with the Brick House Tavern.

September 3, '56

Dear Warner,

Call off the search for a secretary, grateful though I am. Pick-ups do poorly, we have found from sad experience and my Mrs. Brantley is willing to go, and knows what to do (she handled us in Williamsburg before); so that's done.

As to Ellen, I am just back from a trip, and haven't had time to discuss with her and with Alice. Might work. Will let you know. Most kindly thoughtful of you.

Best to all. See you Nov.

Sincerely,

GSM

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3 9SA ✓

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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8/30/56

Dr. Mitchell:

This pleases me greatly!

I really would like to go to Williamsburg!:

"I have not succeeded in finding a suitable stenographer. . . "

L. H. FOSTER, PRESIDENT

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October 4, 1956

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Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you for your memorandum about the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council Board to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14-15.

I had planned to attend this meeting, but a conflict in my schedule has occurred which makes it impossible for me to be with you.

Best wishes for a successful meeting.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Foster
President

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October 9/56

GSA:

Did I ask you to exercise yourself about preparing a first draft of a document suitable for being a report from the Executive Committee to the Board? We ought to try to get such a manuscript circulating to Executive Committee members within a week or ten days from now I should think.

Mostly a matter of poking through the Minutes and seeing what they did, and then writing it up not pedestrianly. I will help you touch up the later drafts.

October 11, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for the word about the election of Mrs. Morris Young to be on the Board of SRC.

We have sent Mrs. Young an official invitation to be at Williamsburg, and I am very glad she will come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

October 9, 1956

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Av., N. W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

At the last meeting of our Board of Directors, October 7th, Mrs. Marion B. Paul resigned as our official representative of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

(Mrs. Morris) Eleanore Young, P. O. Box 992, Anderson, S. C. was elected to succeed her. Mrs. Young plans to attend the annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia on November 14-15 and will look forward to receiving official notification from you.

We had a fine meeting of the Board and wished you might have been with us. Minutes will be forwarded with the October report.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

ANS/sw

Notice of Board Meeting sent as of 9/10/56
GSA

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October 12, 1956

Dr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, Room 432
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Alexander:

So there will be no misunderstanding, I am planning to attend the Annual SRC Board meeting at Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14-15, 1956.

I will be driving my car, and plan to leave Knoxville late November 13th, drive part of the way and stop overnight, and complete the trip to Williamsburg before 2:00 p.m. on November 14th.

Mrs. Christopher will be with me, and I would appreciate it if you would reserve a double room for us.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Christopher

Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director

PRC:llr
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October 12, 1956

Rev. Caxton Doggett
376 N.E. 90 Street
Miami 38, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

You are an SRC Board Member by virtue of your being chairman of the Florida Council.

The Southern Regional Council will pay your expenses to attend this meeting.

We are happy that you are planning to attend, and look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administration Assistant

GSA/bsc

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October 10, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Will you please enlighten me regarding my connection with the Southern Regional Council? I am enclosing the post card indicating that I will attend the annual meeting in November at Williamsburg. I did not know that I was a member of the board. Am I on the board because of my position as chairman of the Florida Council? If I am entitled to have my expenses paid I will plan to come, but I wanted to make sure about this.

Will you let me hear from you by return mail so that I can make the necessary plans to attend?

Sincerely,

Caxton Doggett

Caxton Doggett
376 N. E. 90 Street
Miami 38, Florida

CD/ct

Affiliated with Southern Regional Council

October 16, 1956

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

We will reserve a double room for you and Mrs. Christopher at Williamsburg beginning on the afternoon of November 14.

We shall look forward to seeing both of you in Williamsburg.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Board Mtg

October 17, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I expect to attend the Williamsburg meeting on November 14 and 15. I shall as usual be travelling by plane and if it is agreeable, it might be just as well for me to pick up a rental car at Richmond and drive to Williamsburg upon my arrival.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

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October 22, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. - Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

This is in reply to your memorandum reminding me of the annual meeting which will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14-15, 1956. I returned the postal card to you indicating that I would attend the meeting and would arrive in Williamsburg on Wednesday, November 14th at 9:25 a.m. I will leave Williamsburg Friday, November 16th at 3:55 p.m. If I failed to state that I wished a reservation made for me at the Brick House Tavern, please make this reservation for me.

Sincerely yours,

Florence Sytz

Florence Sytz
Professor of Social Casework

FS:gs

Proposed Future Relationship

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff. Under the proposed plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund raising.

Future Financial Aid to State Groups

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness

October 23, 1956

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

We are very happy to know that you plan to attend the annual meeting of the Council in Williamsburg on November 14-15, 1956.

We will make reservations for you and your sister to have lodging with our group.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 23, 1956

Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, V.G.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
123 North West Street
P. O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Msgr. Brunini:

My goodness we hate to miss you at Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 29, 1956

Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright, Pastor
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Rev. Cartwright:

I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum which we sent to members of the Board in regards to the annual meeting. I am also enclosing a postal card for you to fill out giving us the time of your arrival, etc.

The Council will pay your transportation, meal, and lodging expenses to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc
Encl.

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Colbert S. Cartwright, Pastor

Hillcrest and Spruce
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October 25, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have been elected president of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Mr. Griswold tells me that as chairman I am to be a board member of the Southern Regional Council and that there is a meeting at Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 14-15. However he does not have other details on it.

Could you give me the general information about this meeting--its exact time schedule, accommodations, and expenses?

Mr. Griswold has given me Rufus Clement's Memorandum, so you will not need to send this to me.

Sincerely,

Colbert S Cartwright

Colbert S. Cartwright
Minister

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
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UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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November 1, 1956

Mr. G. F. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

There is some doubt in my mind as to whether or not I returned the post card which you requested concerning possible attendance at the annual meeting of the Board in Williamsburg. I do not find a copy of the card with the memorandum, but I do not remember returning it.

I do plan to attend the meeting. My present plans are to arrive in the morning of Wednesday, November 14, and to leave after noon on Thursday, November 15. Can you have reservations made for me for this period?

Sincerely,

York Willbern

York Willbern

YW/a-d

Annual Mtg. 1956

P. O. Box 992
Anderson, S. C.
November 4, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I realize this information comes very late but it could not be helped. When I answered your letter concerning reservations and travel to our meeting to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, November 14-15, 1956, I asked for reservations for one.

Now, I find that there will be someone with me (whose expense will not be borne by the Southern Regional Council) for whom I should like to secure lodging. In other words, I must have lodging for two instead of one, as I indicated on my card. I should like for it to be one double, not two singles.

I do not know what arrangements you can make at this late date, but I should like for you to advise me as soon as possible. Perhaps there may be the possibility of exchanging with someone when we arrive in Williamsburg. You may know whether or not this can be done.

I will arrive in Williamsburg, by plane, on Tuesday night, November 13th, at 7:23 P. M. Unless otherwise advised by you, I will go directly to the Brick House Lodge.

I realize this is somewhat of an imposition, but I was not certain of this situation until last night, and it is extremely important.

Thank you so very much for whatever consideration you may be able to give in this matter. I had thought of waiting until we get there to make these arrangements, but knowing there will be quite a number of visitors in the city at that time, I thought that perhaps it would present somewhat of a problem--even more complicated than asking this of you at such a late date.

Very sincerely,

Frances M. Young

Mrs. Morris S. Young

November 5, 1956

Mrs. Morris S. Young
P. O. Box 992
Anderson, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Young:

We have your letter of November 4 in reference to a double reservation at Williamsburg beginning on Tuesday night, November 13th.

We will be happy to make the reservation for you. When you arrive in Williamsburg you and your party can report directly to the Brick House Tavern.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 6, 1956

Mr. York Willbern
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Willbern:

We will have reservations for you at the Brick House Tavern in Williamsburg beginning the morning of November 14.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

Bl. Mtg.

November 7, 1956

(Dictated November 5)

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here's what I sent C. H. I had a chance to say it to the rest of them this morning.

To you I would like to say that what you know how to do is the vitals of progress. You had learned to put it neatly at Tuskegee. Do it again with even more bang.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
cc: Mrs. Tilly

Rd 11/7

November 7, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Again this year the never-satisfactory business of staff reports on the completed fiscal year's work. I know we shall all be looking forward to the debate on the altered program; yet it seems to me inescapable that we must for the Board members lay down at least a minimum of a running start in recent staff conduct of their trust in us.

The main problem is to keep it brief.

And that is a problem because I propose to say very little and to push Harold and you and Fred and John and Mrs. Tilly out in front.

Will you therefore try, retry, and make yourself boil down a summary of what you have done for us. Or of what you think we ought to be doing for the future. I would say four minutes. Do not say professorially this is impossible. Wit and wisdom can compress.

If you will put it down in outline and then strike out non-essentials at practicing once or twice, I am satisfied it can make a whack. Anyhow please give it a whirl.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mrs. Tilly
John Hope

November 7, 1956

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

I don't blame you for following a newspaper man's habit of throwing all mimeo'd stuff into the w.p.b. But we did shoo to you October 6th this which says what to do about Williamsburg.

We have got room for you at the Brick House Tavern or the Market Square Tavern, and we are counting on your being there. Delighted to know that you hit Williamsburg on the train. Mr. Gabriel Alexander will be on the same train and I hope will find you.

Nice of you to come; we need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Daytona Beach Evening News
DAYTONA BEACH MORNING JOURNAL
The Sunday News-Journal

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Nov. 5, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I assume your office has made reservations for me in Williamsburg. I have not heard from them. Neither have I any idea where the meeting is to be held. I expect to arrive in Williamsburg by train from Richmond at 9:25 a.m. Wednesday.

With kindest regards,

As ever,

Herbert

Herbert M. Davidson/eb

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Jpza

October 12, 1956

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

I would resign every year if I could be sure it would fetch you to the Board meeting!

I have long had an intention of quitting whatever I was doing when I was about 55. I can just barely swing it until I am pensionable at 65 if I live in some forsaken spot like the Western Highlands of Scotland. So, by Jiminy, I will be a'doing it.

One minor purpose is to arrange a pleasant stopping place thereabouts for friends including, most particularly, all the Davidsons.

We will count on you for being at the Board meeting.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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OFFICE OF THE EDITOR DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Oct. 11, 1956

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

The other day I sent in my regrets at being unable to attend the Nov. 14 board of directors meeting. Tippen will be away at the time and it is difficult for me to get away. Besides, transportation between here and Williamsburg is difficult and expensive.

However, I have since learned from Mr. Burney the frightening news that you are going to resign. This seems to make it imperative that every bit of strength be mobilized to meet a new crisis. I feel it is my duty to come.

Therefore, will you please arrange to have a reservation made for me for the night of Nov. 14? I'll come by train, arriving 9:25 a.m.

I hope your resignation does not mean doctor's orders. I do know it is a stunning blow to the Council.

As ever,

Herbert

Herbert M. Davidson/eb

November 8, 1956

via air mail

Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

I am enclosing a list of the persons who are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14-15, 1956 at your institution. There may be a few additions or deletions at the last minute.

I have put a red check by the names of the persons who indicated that they will want lodging for the evening of November 13 (Tuesday). The other persons will arrive during the morning or early afternoon on November 14th, (Wednesday).

I plan to arrive in Williamsburg via train (c.p. 9:25 a.m.) on the morning of November 14th.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc
Encl.

November 8, 1956

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

You and I will just have to make a time when we are together again. Tough luck it can't be Williamsburg.

But Charlotte is a city I get to and you will find me turning up there. If you don't, come on down here. And if that doesn't work we will be together in Scotland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HARRY L. GOLDEN
Editor

November 6, 1956

Dr. George Mitchell, Exec. Director,
Southeastern Regional Council,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. NE.,
Atlanta, Ga.

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Please convey to our colleagues at the Williamsburg meeting my sincere regrets that I cannot attend. You will note that I have a previously scheduled engagement in Detroit.

It was very sad to read that you intend to retire and I will not feel as "safe" with you out of the South. If the time should come when you are actually on the verge of leaving, I would like for you to give me a little notice and I'll come down to Atlanta and at least spend another hour with you.

With kindest regards, I remain

Harry

HLG/m

Harry Golden

November 13, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
S. C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you very much for the information on Mrs. Morris Young, the newly-elected board representative from the South Carolina Council.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

For SRC Board Meeting, November 14-15, 1956

RE: Resignation of George S. Mitchell as of January 15, 1957.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in 1956 annual meeting confirms the continuance of George S. Mitchell, as Executive Director through January 15, 1957, accepts his resignation from duty status as of that date, and effective as of January 16, 1957 elects Harold C. Fleming as Executive Director for the remainder of the year.

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Persons who plan to attend SRC Board Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14 and 15, 1956.

BOARD MEMBERS:

1. Mrs. W. F. Bates, N. Little Rock, Ark.
2. B. R. Brazeal, Atlanta, Georgia
3. W. C. Brooke, Staunton, Virginia
4. I. H. Burney, Jacksonville, Florida
5. Paul R. Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn.
6. Mrs. James S. Crate, Houston, Texas
7. C. S. Cartwright, Little Rock, Ark.
8. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville, S.C.
9. Herbert M. Davidson, Daytona Beach, Fla.
10. A. W. Dent, New Orleans, La.
11. Caxton Doggett, Miami, Fla.
12. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock, Ark.
13. Duncan Hunter, Alexander City, Ala.
14. A. L. Kidd, Tallahassee, Fla.
15. John R. Larkins, Raleigh, N.C.
16. A. G. Moron, Hampton, Virginia
17. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta, Georgia
18. Mrs. E. U. Robinson, Gallatin, Tenn.
19. Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg, Loyisville, Ky.
20. Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Texas
21. Mrs. E. M. Sparling Hot Springs, Ark.
22. James E. Stewart, Oklahoma City, Okla.
23. Mrs. Tommie Stroud, Waco. Texas
24. W. E. Solomon, Columbia, S.C.
25. Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans, La.
26. John H. Wheeler, Durham, N.C.
27. Miss Josephine Wilkins, Atlanta, Ga.
28. York Willbern, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
29. Paul D. Williams, Richmond, Virginia
30. Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, N.C.
31. Mrs. Morris Young, Anderson, S. C.
32. Thomas Young, Norfolk, Virginia
33. Whitney Young, Sr., Lincoln Ridge, Ky.

STAFF MEMBERS

1. George S. Mitchell
2. Harold C. Fleming
3. C. H. Parrish
4. Fred Routh
5. John Hope II
6. Mrs. M. E. Tilly
7. John Constable
8. Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander
9. Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley
10. G. S. Alexander

11/12/56

Lodging Reservations for persons attending SRC meeting in Williamsburg, Va.

November 14-15, 1956

	Name	No. of spaces desired	Expected time of arrival
1.	Mrs. W. F. Bates	1	11/13
2.	Mr. B. R. Brazeal	1	11/14
3.	Mr. W. C. Brooke	1	11/14
4.	Mrs. Myra J. Bryant	1	11/14
5.	Mr. I. H. Burney	1	11/14
6.	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Christopher	2	11/14
7.	Mrs. James S. Crate	1	11/14
8.	Mr. C. S. Cartwright	1	11/13
9.	Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Dabbs & two children	4	11/14
10.	Mr. Herbert M. Davidson	1	11/14
11.	Mr. Albert W. Dent	1	11/14
12.	Mr. Caxton Doggett	1	11/14
13.	Mr. M. Lafayette Harris	1	11/14
14.	Mr. Duncan Hunter	1	11/14
15.	Mr. A. L. Kidd	1	11/14
16.	Mr. J. R. Larkins	1	11/14
17.	Mr. H. V. Richardson	1	11/14
	Mr. & Mrs. E. U. Robinson & one other man	3	11/14
19.	Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg	1	11/14
20.	Mr. Charles A. Shaw	1	11/13
21.	Mrs. E. M. Sparling	1	11/13
22.	Mr. James E. Stewart	1	11/14
23.	Mrs. Tommie Stroud and sister	2	11/14
24.	Mr. W. E. Soloman	1	11/14
25.	Miss Florence Sytz	1	11/14
26.	Mr. H. C. Trenholm	1	11/14
27.	Mr. John H. Wheeler	1	11/14
28.	Mr. York Willbern	1	11/13
29.	Mr. Paul D. Williams	1	11/14
30.	Miss Josephine Wilkins	1	11/13
31.	Mr. Marion Wright	1	11/14
32.	Mr. Whitney Yound	1	11/14
33.	Mr. Thomas W. Young	1	11/14
34.	Mrs. E. M. Young	1	11/13
35.	Mr. John Hope II	1	11/13
36.	Mr. C. H. Parrish	1	11/14
37.	Mr. George S. Mitchell	1	11/14
38.	Mr. Harold Fleming	1	11/14
39.	Mr. Fred Routh	1	11/14
40.	Mrs. M. E. Tilly	1	11/14
41.	Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander	1	11/14
42.	Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley	1	11/14
43.	Mr. John Constable	1	11/14
44.	Mr. G. S. Alexander	1	11/14

45. J. Cloud Evans

11/8/56

December 3, 1956

Mr. John C. Goodbody
Director of Project Planning
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Goodbody:

On a couple of days in mid-November the Lodge was host to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. This is a somewhat different group from the planning meeting which took place a year or two ago at Williamsburg; but similarly composed.

Williamsburg and the Restoration Agencies were courtesy itself to us and we are extremely grateful for the hospitality extended to us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Bd. mtg

December 12, 1956

Mr. W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Enclosed you will find a preliminary draft of the minutes of the annual meeting at Williamsburg on November 14-15, 1956.

We would appreciate your reading these minutes carefully to determine if they cover the activities of the meeting as you recall them. Please return the minutes with any or no comments that you may care to make.

We are enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab
Encl.

December 12, 1956

Mr. J. Claude Evans
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab
Encl.

December 12, 1956

Mr. Whitney Young, Sr.
Lincoln Institute
Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Annual Mtg. 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the SRC Board

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

We want to remind you of the annual meeting which will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14-15, 1956. The first session will begin on Wednesday, November 14 at 2:00 P.M. and the last session will be held on Thursday morning, November 15, beginning at 9:00 A. M.

The meetings have been scheduled to be held in the Brick House Basement meeting room. Meals will be available in the Lodge Main Dining Room. Rooms will be available at the Brick House Tavern, Market Square Tavern, and maybe some cottages. The Council will make lodging reservations for you on the basis of your reply.

Williamsburg is accessible by air, railroad, and bus transportation. As usual the Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting.

Please let us know by October 15 whether or not you plan to attend by filling out the enclosed postal card and returning it to us.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

For SRC Board Meeting, November 14-15, 1956

RE: Special Meeting in Summer of 1957.

The Southern Regional Council by this resolution empowers the Executive Committee, ~~in lieu of the stated annual meeting on November, 1957,~~ to summon the Council to meet at an earlier date (perhaps July, 1957) within the discretion of the Exedutive Committee.

suspends for 1957 the provision contained in article 5 sec. 5 of the By Laws, calling November as the time of the annual meeting, and in lieu thereof,

Going to need majority for this resolution

The lists of persons to be invited were given to us by their national or regional church boards. The invitations were sent from the office of S. R. C.

This means that the State organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with S.R.C. would thenceforth be one of cooperation between associated organizations of similar purpose and goals.

Dr. Dent

The Southern Regional Council, at its ~~twelfth~~ 12th ~~[illegible]th~~ Annual Meeting, notes with sincere regret the passing of Marshall Field who was long one of its best friends and most generous benefactors. Mr Field's deep dedication to democracy is recorded in his gifts to the many organizations which work for equal citizenship for all people. Long after any stone monument would crumble, the memory of Marshall Field will be enshrined in the hearts of the people for whom he helped obtain a fuller recognition of their intrinsic human dignity.

Miss Liz,

Coupla items in the minutes I would like to get in

Where you list the birds that came, I would add not too conspicuously underneath that Mr. Gordon Hancock, our Senior Vice-President, journeyed to Williamsburg for the announced second day of the meeing, but found the business had been concluded on the previous evening.

Other matter. Seems to me that the discussion is (quite unavoidably) skimpy, 'cause the eggs (I say not good or badd) excluded you and the works from the meeting. So somewhere I would get in a heading saying Executive Session, add some such lingo as

The meeting proceeded at length in the absence of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the staff (including the absence of the stenographer), and the record available is that dictated by the President, Marion A. Wright, to the stenographer, after the executive session.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley

On this Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Southern Regional Council we consider the passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson a grievous loss. From the inception of the Council, of which Dr. Johnson was a principal founder, he gave invaluable leadership. We shall sorely miss his understanding, his guidance, and his wise counsel. Not only this organization, but the Southern Region, the field of higher learning, and the nation itself will be the poorer without him. But the concept of democracy, which he did so much to further, will continue to grow — and this ~~shall~~ will be to him a living Testimonial.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

May 29, 1956

GSA:

Where do you want to have the Board meeting in 1956?

By my quite possibly wrong calculation it comes on Wednesday, November 14th.

GM.

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Should me back from here

BY-LAWS

of the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated State organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members.

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or,

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in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting, following occurence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the assistant directors shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights.

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a.m. on the second Wednesday in November in

each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the

Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five (5) members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated State organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating: (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee, and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

Section 5. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the

same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Council. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Council. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Council or by such committee or officer as the Council may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the assistant directors need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4. Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies

of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.

Includes all revisions through November 9, 1955.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM

October 22, 1956

From: Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

To: Members of the Southern Regional Council

Subject: Proposals re Future of SRC

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of September 20-21, considered at length the orientation and emphasis of the Southern Regional Council's program in the period ahead. Staff members had submitted, in the form of a memorandum, proposals which were worked over by the Committee in great detail. At the conclusion of these deliberations, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to "approve in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program."

The present memorandum, drafted by the staff at the direction of the Executive Committee, sets out the proposals and the considerations which led us to submit them to the full Council for decision. I hope that you will

find the opportunity to acquaint yourself thoroughly with this material so that our discussion at Williamsburg may reflect the most thoughtful judgments of everyone present.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of funds and program emphasis. The original expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them.

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South. A renewal of program through regional staff is also essential.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare.

It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens.

The Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. The effectiveness of these efforts to sell the racial "status quo" are evident in various ways: The U. S. News and World Report has given major support to pro-segregation views, most notably through popularization of one psychologist's thesis that Negroes are inherently less intelligent than whites. Such nationally syndicated columnists as Dorothy Thompson and Walter Lippman have argued that the trend toward integration should be slowed or halted. The platforms of both major political parties failed to endorse the Supreme Court's school decisions.

In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. It is true, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in

the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact.

Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Indeed, it is doubtful that the Southern Regional Council can secure further major financing unless it develops program aimed at meeting these broader needs.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we are to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

Proposed Future Relationship

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff. Under the proposed plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund raising.

Future Financial Aid to State Groups

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness

sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions, it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff.

Functions of SRC

The following types of activity represent new or heightened program emphases which the Council might undertake:

1) Consultant services to established public and private agencies

The consultant service project under the direction of John Hope II has so far been used as a service exclusively to the state affiliates. It has proved to be an extremely effective technique. Already we contemplate making

these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, broader use of the consultant services deserves high priority. The range of consultants available should be increased to include educators, police officials, public administrators, and others with first-hand experience in integrating communities. SRC's role would be that of "broker" between community leadership and those experts whose counsel would be most helpful. These services should be provided free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinate the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning, and in stimulating needed activities. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. The effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions

are invaluable opportunities to express our general point of view to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize assistance to groups in securing speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically draw on our lay leadership. The selection and briefing of persons available for speaking engagements would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Materials

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More strategic uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations.

Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances

It will take much more detailed planning before there can be meaningful estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. A rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. In the last fiscal year, SRC raised approximately $60,000. from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from

other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by officers and members of the Council.

It is also to be hoped that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that rigid allocations of funds for pre-determined purposes can be avoided. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be readily adaptable to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's whole-hearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which began October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated and seeking additional financing for them.

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LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF KENTUCKY
WHITNEY M. YOUNG, PRESIDENT
LINCOLN RIDGE, KENTUCKY

December 14, 1956

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
c/o Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

My dear Mrs. Alexander:

I read the minutes and as far as I can remember, you have done an excellent job in recording same. Thanks for sending me a copy.

Very sincerely,

Whitney M. Young

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approved also by
Carroll Brook
J. Claude Evans

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Williamsburg, Virginia
November 14, 1956

The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. in the basement of the Brick House Tavern, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Invocation by the Rev. J. Claude Evans

Board members present were:

Mrs. W. F. Bates
B. R. Brazeal
W. C. Brooke
I. H. Burney
Paul R. Christopher
Mrs. James S. Crate
C. S. Cartwright
James M. Dabbs
Herbert M. Davidson
A. W. Dent
Caxton Doggett
J. Claude Evans
M. Lafayette Harris
Duncan Hunter
A. L. Kidd
John R. Larkins
A. G. Moron
Mrs E. U. Robinson
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Charles A. Shaw
Mrs. E. M. Sparling
James E. Stewart
Mrs. Tommie Stroud
W. E. Solomon
Miss Florence Sytz
John H. Wheeler
Miss Josephine Wilkins
York Wilbern
Paul Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Morris Young
Thomas Young
Whitney Young, Sr.
John A. Griffin

Staff members present were:

George S. Mitchell
Harold C. Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
John Hope II
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
John Constable
Fred Routh
G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley

Mr. Gordon Hancock, our senior Vice-President, journeyed to Williamsburg for the announced second day of the meeting, but found the business had been concluded on the previous evening.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the Board having received mimeographed copies of the report some days before the meeting, it was upon motion unanimously agreed to, and all actions therein reported adopted and ratified.

TWO-MINUTE STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Mr. Mitchell reported that eight or ten of the state organizations may be counted upon to endure. John Hope and C. H. Parrish found a new way to work -- the consultant service -- which succeeds. New South subscriptions now up to 5,000, mainly through the state organizations' memberships, and a circulation of about 6,000, which keeps growing. SRC, he said, used to struggle along on $35,000 and $40,000 a year. This year we will use for the central office a good $100,000. We have failed on one thing: we have never found a way to raise substantial amounts of money within the South.

As the Executive Director had previously by letter announced to the Board members his intent to resign as of January 15, 1957, he used this occasion to thank the members of the Board for their continuous and faithful support in the past ten years, and to bespeak their future similar support to his successor.

Mr. Mitchell then asked the leading staff members to report briefly.

Assistant Director for Information

Mr. Fleming stated that all of the Board members have been receiving quarterly reports, and thus a good part of the work of the information staff has been reported to them. In addition to the Council publication, New South, a good many books and other materials have received widespread distribution from the central office to people able to use them in their own interest groups, and also to members of the Board. Have done more in terms of press releases and mass media. This is a continuing function so long as the eyes of the nation are on the South and race relations in the South.

Facts gathered on desegregation in the South are incorporated into a booklet, Integration North and South, which, it is hoped, will combat some of the defeatism and discouragement among people who want to help. The status of Negro suffrage in the South, state by state, is being prepared into a region-wide summary. Have commissioned a small study of industrialization in the South. An analysis is being put into shape and some interesting conclusions will emerge as to what the racial implications are, and what documentation can help move economic leadership in the South. The results of a survey of "resistance" groups will be distributed shortly.

Mr. Fleming commended Miss Irving and Mr. Constable for their work as a part of the information staff.

In reply to Mr. Shaw's question, Mr. Mitchell said that releases were going to all persons that the two of them saw in Houston on a recent visit to that city by Mr. Mitchell. In reply to a question about an AP release on the desegregation survey out of Washington, Mr. Fleming said that all publicity was released by the Fund for the Republic, which published the booklet.

Mr. Dent commented on a dilemma faced by SRC: the need to get public credit as an aid to fund-raising, as opposed to the effectiveness of getting ideas and information quietly into the stream of public opinion. He expressed the hope that the need for credit would never prevent our doing the quiet, behind-the-scenes job. Mr. Mitchell said that that called for a double system of bookkeeping -- one in which we are invisible and one in which we are in evidence.

Assistant Directors for State Organizations

Mr. Parrish said that he has recently been concerned primarily with the consultant program and commented on some of the values from that program. The consultant program has pulled into the organization persons who otherwise would not have been involved. It has succeeded in separating the role of analyst and expert from the role of advocate. Visits to Mississippi in company with Fred Routh underlined the importance of evaluation criteria of work accomplished. Mr. Wright asked how far the directors have gone in evaluating the work of the state organizations. Mr. Parrish stated that, working on the theory that program is important, he has tried to separate certain objective criteria determining value of program from organizational structure; knowing how to involve people at different levels.

Mr. Routh said that two years of the three years of promised diminishing aid have been completed. We have felt our way along, as there were not many guide posts because of the nature of the states and the nature of the work. Have guided state organizations into being, with at least eleven organizations going at the present time. The Executive Committee, after hearing reports from the assistant directors, decided that the Mississippi Council on Human Relations had not gotten sufficiently off the ground to warrant further financial aid, and such aid would be terminated January 1, 1957. Tennessee has not gotten off the ground organizationally, but program-wise they have gotten a good start; the leadership of the new chairman there will pull things together.

Tailor-made aid is being given to the states during this current year on the basis of states which have secured integrated staff receiving more than those which have not, with no more than a twenty-five per cent variation from the norm, as empowered by the Executive Committee.

As to evaluation criteria, we have now learned what the problems are, and what significant programs there are in the states at this time. Now we are urging the groups toward greater autonomy. Most are assuming responsibility of guiding their own destinies and raising their own funds. Even Mississippi this year raised its $3500. Tennessee will

make it when it pulls its Board together and acquires staff.

Various questions were asked concerning withdrawing of aid from Mississippi: Does that mean that the Council is seceding from Mississippi? Does that mean that the Council was not able to secure leadership in Mississippi? Does the Mississippi group understand why they are not going to get money next year?

Mr. Routh stated that there was a problem of staff and Board relationship; leadership of the organization itself; Board composed of only about fourteen members; inadequacy of program. Mr. Routh further said that since Mississippi had been notified that aid would be discontinued, it had written the central office that it planned to continue as an organization on its own. Mr. Parrish stated that the decision to discontinue aid to Mississippi was made by the Executive Committee.

Assistant Director for Program

Mr. Hope stated that his primary responsibility is the direction of the consultant service program which aims at flexible corralling of a wide variety of highly qualified specialized skills that are available within and without the region, bringing them to bear within the region; first within our own family or state organizations; then into community organizations within the states, and spiralling out from that as far as our funds will allow us to go. Beyond that to serve interested organizations that are not affiliated that have definite need for technical assistance. The problem is how to motivate effective leadership. Question of efficiently using resource is increasingly important. Presently attempts to deal first with leadership within our SRC family by a series of one to two day workshops -- informal discussions with Board and staff aiming at clarifying respective roles, digging into specific questions and problems of that particular state. The consultant's role is to react to the questions and problems of the people involved. Now is anticipating moving to the next level of leadership -- the community level -- as various degrees of readiness are beginning to show over the South and people want to know how most efficiently to act. Superintendents of school boards, study committees of the boards have and may express interest in obtaining help, and we want to find ways and means of getting that help to them. Presently making explorations in Florida, South Carolina and Kentucky -- most progress in Kentucky. Recognized that this whole movement must of necessity be operated to reach certain people who are interested in the problem, who know a great deal about it, but who do not have the time to think of the best techniques or to explore the considerable developments in social science and social engineering.

Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Parrish had the idea of using able and largely Negro brains to help people. These people (the consultants) have already trained state boards and are preparing to get out and work with local educators -- please get him some jobs.

Looking to the future, Mr. Hope stated that he thinks of another phase or type of use where that element isn't as important. In some cases will probably be looking for another type of person -- the practitioner with integration experience -- to supplement the present group. Would like to keep the program tailor-made to the needs.

To the question of whether he had been approached by a community for advice toward desegregating schools, Mr. Hope said that there had been indirect proposals. Mr. Wright stated that a reputable newspaper man in North Carolina has twice made the statement in recent interviews that he, the newspaper man, felt that three North Carolina towns would take steps to integrate this Fall.

To the question of where the money comes from for the program and whether monies received are sufficient, Mr. Hope stated that a special grant was received from the New World Foundation. Also, he said, the program is at a pilot stage and would be particularly flexible in its own service to communities. Where an organization in a community is an organization that itself has the ability to contribute, we would not want to deprive it of that opportunity.

Director of Women's Work

Mrs. Tilly stated that on October 30th and 31st she held a meeting of 109 women from ten Southern states: Jewish Catholic, Protestant, white and Negro. The lists of women to be invited were given to us by their national or regional church boards. The invitations were sent from the office of SRC, but in many instances these were supplemented by direct communication to them from their own boards.

Mrs. Tilly commended the cooperation of the staff in helping her get together materials needed for the meeting. The workbook prepared for the meeting contained worship services, a section on the long trails and trials to the Supreme Court decision, a section on recent state action, a section on the number of Negroes registered to vote county by county within the states. Workshop leaders were Father Shean, Mr. Art Levin, and Miss Thelma Stevens. Dr. A. C. Miller of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was spiritual leader.

Mrs. Tilly distributed to the Board excerpts from some of the letters she had received commenting upon the meeting. She reported plans for future meetings on state-wide and South-wide bases.

Editorial Assistant

Mr. Constable reported a growing subscription list for New South. This is due partly to the growth of state affiliates. New South has carried a variety of subjects: citizens councils, St. Louis integration, integration at the SMU Theology School, economic aspect of segregation,

and religious activity. The July issue carried a revision of the pamphlet, Answers for Action, which is now Next Steps in the South. Some of these issues received special distribution: economic issue to chambers of commerce officials in Southern states; integration of theology school issue to 200 educators over the South. Current issue (November) concerns race and intelligence, and the December issue will reprint Dr. Johnson's article which appeared in the New York Times Magazine.

Mr. Doggett commented that Miami Beach, Florida, will now entertain interracial conferences on an integrated basis. Mr. Shaw asked if the U. S. News and World Report was receiving releases from the Southern Regional Council, and was told that it was. Mr. Doggett said that the head of the Conference Bureau in Miami Beach is Thomas Smith, but that Miami Beach is not necessarily equipped to handle an all-Negro conference.

Mr. Stewart asked if a study of hotel accommodations throughout the South had been made, suggesting that such a survey might prove encouraging to others. Mr. Fleming said that to gather the facts in so obscure a field requires a good deal of staff work. Did collect some instances, but perhaps missed some because of the quietness with which they are done. Mr. Dent suggested that such a survey be a future project for the Council, saying that it will be helpful to find out what is being done, and citing as examples work done with the police, library, and firemen surveys. Mr. Dent also wondered whether Miami Beach had lost anything economically, saying that the Chambers of Commerce might advocate this sort of thing because of the economic advantage.

Mr. Davidson asked if the American Friends Service Committee membership had been circularized with the New South issue dealing with integration in the SMU Theological School. Mr. Constable replied that the issue was circulated to a special list of educators prepared by the AFSC. Mr. Davidson further said that the Jefferson Conference of the Unitarian Church would be interested in helping. Reverend John C. Fuller, First Unitarian Church, Orlando, Florida, is Chairman of the Jefferson Conference.

Mr. Dent said that he hoped all of the material that we get out is being sent to the daily press and that the editors are being kept up to date on these things. Mr. Constable said that there are 97 dailies in the South which receive New South. It was noted, also, that frequently the press comes to SRC for information.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Alexander reported that SRC had met and passed its quota of fund-raising for the last fiscal year, and that all books had been duly audited. She thanked the Board for its help in the past year and asked for its help during the coming year.

Administrative Assistant (Budget Officer)

Mr. Alexander stated that he had made comparisons between the budget as approved for 1955-56, and the actual income and expenditures for 1955-56, and the estimated budget for 1956-57, as attached.

In reporting the item listed as estimated expenditures for four months of the fiscal year 1956-57, Mr. Alexander stated that only four months of the 56-57 budget was proposed because the Board might approve a change in the program structure which would cause a change in the budget. Mr. Alexander also stated that there had been an increase in expenditures of approximately 10.8 per cent, which increase covers within-grade promotions of staff people plus a slight increase in social security taxes. For the current fiscal year, contributions expected, income expected, etc., amounting to $83,470, subtracted from the anticipated budget of $100,331 leaves approximately $16,000 more to be raised from other sources. On hand from the fact-finding program is approximately $32,000, from the consultant service program $15,500 more, a balance of $47,500.

Mr. Mitchell stated, as to the four months' budget for the fiscal year 1956-57, one man leaves and another man comes in. The Board would be discussing sweeping changes in program and if it approved now a budget for four months, that would cover the month in which the Executive Committee would next meet.

It was, upon motion by Mr. Wright and second by Mr. Brazeal, approved that the budget for four months be adopted in its entirety now, holding in abeyance the budget for the full year , and giving the Executive Committee authority to determine the budget for the remaining eight months.

DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

The Board earlier unanimously approved the following resolution in tribute to Dr. Charles S. Johnson:

> On this Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Southern Regional Council we consider the passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson a grievous loss. From the inception of the Council, of which Dr. Johnson was a principal founder, he gave invaluable leadership. We shall sorely miss his understanding, his guidance, and his wise counsel. Not only this organization, but the Southern region, the field of higher learning, and the nation itself will be the poorer without him. But the concept of democracy, which he did so much to further, will continue to grow -- and this will be to him a living testimonial.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the Minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to Dr. Johnson's family.

Mrs. Tilly and Mr. Mitchell paid verbal tribute to Dr. Johnson. Mr. Mitchell made reference to the early days of founding. Mrs. Tilly stated that Dr. Johnson had obtained money which made it possible for her group of women (The Fellowship of the Concerned) to hold its meetings October 30-31.

MR. MARSHALL FIELD

Mr. Dent said that Mr. Marshall Field had for many years a personal interest in the work of the Council, and Mr. Dent was inclined to believe that although the funds for many years have come through the Foundation itself, earlier funds had come directly from Mr. Field.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that a resolution be sent to the appropriate places and persons expressing our warm appreciation for the valued support of Mr. Marshall Field. It was suggested that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Editor of the Chicago Sun Times, to Mrs. Field, and to the Foundation.

> The Southern Regional Council, at its Thirteenth Annual Meeting, notes with sincere regret the passing of Marshall Field who was long one of its best friends and most generous benefactors. Mr. Field's deep dedication to democracy is recorded in his gifts to the many organizations which work for equal citizenship for all people. Long after any stone monument would crumble, the memory of Marshall Field will be enshrined in the hearts of the people for whom he helped obtain a fuller recognition of their intrinsic human dignity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting proceeded at length in the absence of the staff (including the absence of the stenographer), and the record available is that dictated by the President, Marion A. Wright, after the executive session:

At the Executive Session meeting it was agreed that the proposal submitted by Dr. Clement in behalf of the Executive Committee, and dated October 22, 1956, be approved with two amendments. The first of these amendments is to strike out the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 6, and substitute in lieu of that language, the following: "This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations, particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund-raising.

It was the sense of the Board that the central staff, during the next eleven months, should give such advice and counsel as it could to the state organizations by way of assisting them to qualify for future grants from the Southern Regional Council.

The second amendment to Dr. Clement's proposal was to strike out the language, "during the affiliate period," appearing on the fourth line from the bottom of page 6.

This action was taken with regard to the office now held by Mr. Mitchell.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in 1956 Annual Meeting confirms the continuance of George S. Mitchell as Executive Director through January 15, 1957, accepts his resignation from duty status as of that date, and effective as of January 16, 1957, elects Harold C. Fleming as Executive Director for the remainder of the year.

Directors, officers, and Executive Committee members as nominated by the Nominating Committee were elected; except that the Executive Committee was empowered to name to the Board and to its own membership, in lieu of Father Shean and Mr. Christopher. a person representing the Catholic clergy, and a person representing organized labor, respectively.

The present Assistant Directors, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel were confirmed.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, as follows:

Your committee was composed of I. H. Burney as Chairman; W. Carroll Brooke and B. R. Brazeal and Mrs. E. U. Robinson and Guy Johnson.

The first three members of the committee met in Atlanta September 17th.

There were four vacancies on the Board. To these vacancies we make the following nominations:

1. Philip G. Davidson - Kentucky
2. Charles F. Steele - Kentucky
3. (name deleted)
4. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - Georgia

We named a single alternate -- Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr., a farmer of Somers, Va.

For officers of the Southern Regional Council our nominations were not altered from the present officers, namely:

Marion A. Wright, President - North Carolina
Gordon B. Hancock, Vice-President - Virginia
Albert W. Dent, Vice-President - Louisiana
Carter Wesley, Vice-President - Texas
Paul D. Williams, Vice-President - Virginia

The members of this year's Nominating Committee who were able have met briefly again today, and have confirmed these nominations.

The By-Laws provide that the Executive Committee shall be composed of nine persons elected by this Board plus the officers of the Council.

We nominate for these nine persons on the Executive Committee:

1. Rufus E. Clement - Georgia
2. J. M. Dabbs - South Carolina
3. Paul Christopher - Tennessee
4. John A. Griffin - Georgia
5. Harry V. Richardson - Georgia
6. The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O. - South Carolina
7. Josephine Wilkins - Georgia
8. B. R. Brazeal - Georgia
9. The Rev. Duncan Hunter - Alabama

It is to be noted that the last two names are members of this Board as representatives of the Georgia and Alabama state organizations, respectively.

An additional duty is laid upon us of nominating to you three persons suitable to be members of next year's Nominating Committee. Two other persons will be put on the Nominating Committee at a later time by the Executive Committee. Our nominations to the Nominating Committee for next year are:

1. J. M. Richards
2. B. E. Mays
3. C. G. Gomillion

FINANCES

Mr. Mitchell stated that he hoped at this meeting to elicit some ideas from the Board in regard to fund-raising. The Finance Committee which was set up elected two members to it from each state organization, and has had two meetings -- sum total raised by Finance Committee members is $150. Some Board members have been sending in money themselves, but they ought to get larger sums from other organizations or individuals.

Mr. Christopher suggested that each member of the Board dictate two or three types of letters and provide names and addresses of people -- indicating which type of letter should go to which person -- asking for contributions to the Southern Regional Council, and so moved. The motion did not pass. After further discussion and upon motion by Mr. Shaw, it was agreed that the Executive Director send a reminder to each member of the Board at a specific time requesting that they write a letter or letters to persons requesting contributions to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Christopher suggested that this be done right away.

BY-LAWS

Upon motion it was agreed that Article VI, Section 1, should be amended to read:

> Article VI. Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors, a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director, assistant directors, and secretary shall not be members of the corporation. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the secretary-treasurer shall not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Article II, Section 8. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Upon motion it was agreed that Article VI be amended to contain reference to the office of Secretary-Treasurer by the addition of the following:

> Article VI, Section 8A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sections 7 and 8 may be assigned to one person. This person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion it was agreed that the last sentence of Article V, Section 1 be amended to read:

> Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

At this point Mr. Moron suggested that the words "corporation," "council," and "board," each meaning the same thing, be incorporated into the word "council." Mr. Mitchell said that this would be done.

SPECIAL MEETING

Miss Wilkins stated that because of the desirability of holding a meeting of the Council earlier in 1957 than provided in the by-laws, it would be necessary for the Council to take some action to permit the calling of such an early meeting. Upon motion the following resolution was passed.

> The Southern Regional Council by this resolution suspends for 1957 the provision contained in Article II, Section 5, of the By-Laws setting November as the time of the Annual Meeting, and in lieu thereof empowers the Executive Committee to summon the Council to meet at an earlier date (perhaps July, 1957) within the discretion of the Executive Committee.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wright stated that the Executive Session by enthusiastic and unanimous action chose Mr. Fleming to succeed Mr. Mitchell as Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Fleming said that it was a very great honor and said that the Council's action confirms a team operation; has an excellent staff to work with; a great pleasure to serve with them as "the man on the hot spot." Mrs. Tilly said that the staff was elated that Mr. Fleming was chosen as Executive Director.

PRESENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Council twice applauded a vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell for his service to the Council during the years he has served as Executive Director. The Chairman of the Executive Committee has been asked to work out a plan for honoring the Executive Director.

APPRECIATION OF LEONARD HAAS

Mr. Haas could not be present at the meeting to accept the scroll prepared in recognition of his services to the Southern Regional Council as Counsel. It was suggested that the central office arrange a gathering -- details left to the staff -- and present the scroll to Mr. Haas at some time convenient to Mr. Haas. Mr. Mitchell said that this would be done.

OTHER

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Dent said that the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Clement, had a conflict of meetings and could not be present at the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For Fiscal Year - October 1, 1956--September 30, 1957

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

	Budget 1955-56	Actual 1955-56	Estimated 1956-57
Income:			
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, Churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 31,865.00	$ 45,970.00
Dues	500.00	356.00	350.00
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	6,222.17	10,000.00
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	1,325.48	1,500.00
Honararia	1,000.00	1,567.80	1,000.00
Interest Income	800.00	2,432.00	1,000.00
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds - 1955-56	12,100.00	8,350.00	4,350.00
Unexpended Balance in Christopher Reynolds Fund - 1955-56			3,300.00
Unexpended Balance in State Funds for 1955-56			6,000.00
Surplus - Prior year	2,500.00	3,022.17	
Sub-Total	64,900.00	80,140.62	83,470.00
Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180.00	18,868.40	16,861.00
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	99,009.02	100,331.00

Estimated expenditures for four months of fiscal year 1956-57 -- October 1, 1956 to January 31, 1957, in comparison with budget and actual expenditures for fiscal year 1955-56.

Expenses:	Budget 1955-56	Actual 1955-56	Proposed 10/1/56-1/31/ 4 Months	% Change in rate of Expenditures
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	63,122.74	23,317.00	10.8%
Social Security Tax	800.00	889.08	467.00	**
Travel	7,500.00	8,469.39	2,834.00	
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	6,285.43	2,133.00	
Printing - Other	2,000.00	1,146.28	400.00	
Rent	1,680.00	1,680.00	560.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	2,775.94	833.00	
Postage	2,000.00	1,049.40	400.00	
Books & Subscriptions	300.00	399.97	100.00	
Accounting Fees & Legal	500.00	565.00	167.00	
Ins. & Misc. Expense	300.00	244.61	100.00	
Office Supplies & Equip.	2,900.00	2,243.45	833.00	
Annual Meeting & Executive Committee Meetings	2,000.00	2,169.03	2,000.00	
Special Meetings - Women's Work	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	
Printing Special Pamphlet		1,004.22		
	$ 93,080.00	93,044.54	36,544.00	11.0%

* Increase covers within-grades promotions for staff.

** Slight increase

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

October 1, 1956 -- September 30, 1957

Central Office

FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC GRANT		$ 10,000.00
CARRY-OVER FROM 1955-56:		
Marshall Field Grant	$ 1,250.00	
Doris Duke Grant	3,100.00	
Christopher Reynolds Grant	3,300.00	
Unexpended State Balances 1955-56	6,000.00	13,650.00
CONTRIBUTIONS: (Expectable)		
Individuals		4,000.00
Labor Organizations		
United Steelworkers of America	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers Union of America	500.00	
United Automobile Aircraft & Agricultural Implement Workers of America	1,000.00	
American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organization	5,000.00	7,500.00
Churches		
The Board of Home Missions & Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
The Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the USA	250.00	
The Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.	200.00	
The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in USA	1,000.00	
The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Women's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.	1,200.00	3,970.00
Foundations		
John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	
New World Foundation	25,000.00	
Marshall Field Foundation	3,000.00	
Community Work Shop Assoc'n	100.00	30,500.00
New South Subscriptions		10,000.00
Honoraria		1,000.00
Associate Members Dues		350.00
Interest Income		1,000.00
Sale of Literature		1,500.00
Total on hand and expectable		$ 83,470.00
Budget for 1956-57 projected for one year at present rate of expenditures		100,331.00
Total on hand and expectable		83,470.00
Amount to be raised during fiscal year		$ 16,861.00
Special Projects*		
On hand as of 10/1/56		
Fact-finding Project		32,000.00
John Hope Program (from New World Foundation)		15,500.00
TOTAL		$ 47,500.00

* Not included in budgeted items.

FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

	Budget 1955-56	Actual 1955-56	Proposed 10/1/56-1/31/57 (4 Months)
Administration and Overhead			
Salaries	$ 24,100.00	24,912.65	8,534.00
Social Security Tax	800.00	889.08	467.00
Annual Meeting & Executive Committee Meetings	2,000.00	2,169.03	2,000.00
Travel	7,000.00	8,469.39	2,667.00
Rent	1,680.00	1,680.00	560.00
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	2,775.94	833.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	2,500.00	2,243.45	833.00
Postage (other than New South)	2,000.00	1,049.40	400.00
Printing (other than New South)	2,000.00	1,146.28	400.00
Audit Fees	500.00	565.00	167.00
Miscellaneous Expense & insurance	300.00	244.61	100.00
Sub-Totals	$ 45,380.00	46,144.83	16,961.00
Information Services and New South			
Salaries	$ 21,750.00	22,247.78	9,299.00
New South, printing & postage	6,500.00	6,285.43	2,133.00
Envelopes, addressograph plates, etc.	400.00	(Included in Printing & Postage)	
Books and Materials	300.00	399.97	100.00
Sub-Totals	$ 28,950.00	28,933.18	11,532.00
Laison - State Organizations			
Salaries	$ 9,750.00	10,086.42	3,417.00
Women's Work			
Salaries	$ 6,000.00	5,912.36	2,067.00
Travel	500.00		167.00
Meetings	2,500.00	1,000.00	2,400.00
Sub-Totals	$ 9,000.00	6,912.36	4,634.00
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	92,076.79	36,544.00
Special Project *			
Program Development (John Hope)			
Salaries	$ 3,000.00	4,270.00	1,500.00
Consultants Travel & Fees	4,000.00	3,899.89	2,167.00
Travel	1,500.00	1,883.24	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00	10,053.13	5,167.00

* Funds available from 1956 grant of $17,000.00 from New World Foundation

11/10/56

July 31, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: HCF
FBR
JC
DT
RHA
GSA

FROM: GSM

Mr. Brazeal, in his capacity as a member of the Executive Committee, by chance saw Mr. Dent at the airport on July 29th. Mr. Brazeal told Mr. Dent that Mr. Dent had been chosen to serve on the special committee, and Mr. Dent told Mr. Brazeal that Mr. Dent would serve.

I suppose this is the Executive Committee's committee to pick a new president?

eab/

cc: GSA
Dr. Clement

Same letter sent:
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. John Griffin
Dr. Albert W. Dent

August 21, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

According to the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21, 1956, you were selected as a member of a five-member special committee to make a study of qualified personnel to succeed Dr. Mitchell as Executive Director.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, who is chairman of this committee, is asking the group to meet on Thursday, September 20, 1956, at 3:00 P. M., in the President's office at Atlanta University. The office is located in the Administration Building at 223 Chestnut Street, S.W.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

September 14, 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I have just received a note from Miss Josephine Wilkins stating that she will attend the meeting of the special committee in your office on September 20.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA;fc

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

Committee to pick successor to GSM

Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman
Marion Wright
Josephine Wilkins
John Griffin
Dr. Albert Dent (or John Wheeler) *

*If Mr. Dent cannot serve

FROM: Minutes of July 20-21 meeting of Exec. Com.

M E M O R A N D U M

10 Oct.'55

To: GSM

From: Fred B. Routh

Re: Training Program budget

After conversations with C. H. Parrish it was agreed that the $12,000 to be spent on the training program would be divided as follows:

1) John Hope, Assistant Director 1/2 time for eight months (@7,500) $2,500 Nov. 1--June 30)	2,500
2) Travel for John Hope $1,500	1,500
3) Consultants (travel & Salaries) $4,000	4,000 *
4) Held in reserve (priority to training program $4,000	4,000
Total	12,000

If this is your understanding too would you so indicate by initialing this memo.

* "Up to" 4,000.00

GSM

Otherwise O. K.

GSM

Note: No. 4 is actually $2,800

GSA information

+ Over all figure is $10,800

Ruth

December 22, 1955

Mr. C.H. Parrish
926 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

I have been in correspondence with the Council's President as to the attendance by staff members at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee at New Orleans (at Dillard) January 20 and 21.

That series of meetings falls neatly into three sessions: Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m., Friday evening, and Saturday morning. In the last meeting of the Executive Committee (shortly before the Board met) it had been agreed that the Executive Committee would at its subsequent meetings have a period in which no staff members were present, a period in which some were, and a period in which only the Executive Director, from the staff, would be with the Committee.

It is agreed that the New Orleans meeting will be one in which, during the Friday afternoon session, the Executive Director and the four assistant directors and the secretary-treasurer, will be present, with a view to supplying maximum information to the Committee, I expect we should absent ourselves for the Friday night session, at which time the Committee will presumably get further with decision as to the presence of staff at its meetings-both for the remainder of the New Orleans meeting, and for subsequent Executive Committee meetings.

So please plan to be on hand in New Orleans for the afternoon of January 20, and available to the Committee for the morning of January 21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef
P.S.: GSA can book accomodation for us at Dillard or wherever.

MEMO

TO: RUTH ALEXANDER

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

RE: CINCINNATI TRIP - DECEMBER 28, 1955

The $20.41 was paid for with SRC check to joint ticket office.
The $27.94 was charged on GSM's credit card.

GSM.

RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE CALL

Placed by John Hope called collect from Nashville To

City State

Date 28 Dec 55 Completed ✓

Official Business ✓ Personal

* re: consultant program for Central office.

John Hazen II

Travel: + other expenses

231.49
76.09
75.05
17.01

399.64

Consultant's Fee:

490.00
595.00

1,085.60

Consultant's Workshop, Atlanta University Jan. 14, 1956

486.78
81.40

568.18
46.75

614.93

PAGE PARTIALLY ILLEGIBLE

RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE CALL

Placed by F. B. Routh To Hugh Brimm

Louisville, Ky

City State

Date 16 Jan 56 Completed ✓

Official Business ✓ Personal

Bel. 1558 w.
Twinbrook 6-1785 res.

RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE CALL

Placed by F. B. Routh To C. H. Parrish

Louisville Ky -

City State

Date 16 Jan 56 Completed ✓

Official Business ✓ Personal

RECORD OF LONG DISTANCE CALL

Placed by John Hope, II To G. S. Alexander

Nashville Tennessee

City State

Date 2/9/56 Completed ✓

Official Business Personal

Consultants' Training Program

GDA

TO: GSA

FROM: RHA

SUBJECT: Status of Irene Osborne Account

Total allotted for Salary, Social Security and Travel	$ 9,084.00
Salary and Social Security paid to AFSC, October, 1955	5,084.00
Balance for travel expenses	$ 4,000.00
Total amount used for travel expenses to February 9, 1956	800.23
Balance in account for travel expenses	$ 3,199.77

February 9, 1956

TO: GSA

FROM: RHA

RE: Status of Training Program Account

Total amount available for Training Program		$ 10,800.00
John Hope II, Assistant Director for Program		
American Missionary Association for time given SRC	$1,000.00	
Consultant's Fee	1,085.00	
Travel and other expenses	399.64	
	$2,484.64	
Consultant's Workshop, Atlanta University, January 14, 1956		
Travel, Consultant's Fees and other expenses	962.79	
TOTAL SPENT TO DATE		3,447.43
Balance in Training Budget		$ 7,352.57

February 9, 1956

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MADE IN U.S.A.

RHA

February 14, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, S. C.

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council would like to meet at the Penn School on Friday and Saturday, July 20-21. Meetings start with supper on Friday and continue thorough mid-afternoon Saturday thus involving breakfast and luncheon as well, for a total of three meals and one night's accomodations. Usually 12-15 people meet for the sessions. We are interracial and both men and women attend.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, SRC President, speaks highly of you and the Penn School. Would you please notify me of costs involved for this proposed conference and whether you can confirm the dates requested.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

P. S. This meeting is scheduled to start Friday, 2:00 p. m.

cc - Mrs Ruth H Alexander

August 7, 1956

Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Dent:

The Executive Committee will meet in Atlanta on September 21-22, 1956. As it now stands the meeting will probably be held on the Atlanta University campus.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon (September 21) and conclude with a 9:00 a.m. session on Saturday (September 22).

We will notify you of the exact meeting place when arrangements have been completed.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mbo

SRC Historical Board

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Columbia Theological Seminary
Office of the President
Decatur, Georgia

Chicago, Ill.
August 14, 1954

Mr. Stephens Mitchell
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Owing to the fact that your letter of August 4 was forwarded to me here, I have been considerably delayed in replying.

As one of those who issued the call for the meeting at which the Southern Regional Council was organized in 1943, I wish to declare categorically that this organization was not formed as successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, with which I have never had any relationship whatever. The Southern Regional Council came into existence as a result of a belief shared by many individual Southerners-some of these being persons of distinguished leadership - that such a Council could make a real contribution to the life and progress of our Southern States in our time. It is a thoroughly patriotic organization, loyal to the ideals and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

Wilkins ?

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RECEIVED
SEP 9
Southern Regional Council

Monday - September 7

Dear George and Harold -

You may already have gotten the transcripts of the sessions of the General Assembly that I mailed down Friday. I had held them up, noting the three-day memo on the front, but sent them on when I learned the final ones would not be out for some two or three weeks. However, I read these over and they can't be far wrong.

I believe you will be interested in looking over them if things aren't bearing down too heavily on you just now.

The General Assembly, as you may know, follows the customary procedure of placing items on its agenda in a committee to be thrashed out, and the committee's report is then acted on. Consequently, when the Assembly convened on the 17th it met only briefly, placing the Korean matter in the Political and Security Committee -- which is really a committee of the whole, though it meets in a committee room in a less august setting than the Assembly Chamber and has more flexible rules of procedure. Still, when a matter comes back to the General Assembly from that committee, even though the same people constitute the two, each delegation makes sure to get its position restated and written into the records of the Assembly itself -- speaking out for home consumption, as our

members of Congress do. The transcripts I've sent along consequently give a fairly good picture of the entire session on Korea.

I considered sending you the press summaries each day, but the thing was so complicated that I decided they would be burdensome. There is always the urge though of wanting to scoop up in some fashion this entire UN experience and pass it on, without the frustration of attempting a treatise on it. It is a rare opportunity and I shall be lastingly grateful to all parties who helped open it up to me.

I'll be sending down material from time to time. What about setting up a folder and saving it for me. For instance, I'm trying to get some transcripts of statements on the Moroccan situation that was debated last week in the Security Council. I believe you will be interested in seeing them if I can round them up. (?)

Am temporarily at 455 East 57 Street, financially coasting on the bounty of a friend who is away and has let me use her apartment. Will let you know when I light elsewhere.

The best to you both -

Joyce

Same letter sent to: John A. Griffin
Rev. George Clarey

January 4, 1956

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Several days ago we sent you a draft of the minutes covering the November 9, 1955 Board meeting for checking and corrections if necessary.

We would appreciate your returning this draft to us at your earliest convience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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Board - Ex C. G. Cow 1956

January 8, 1956

Mr. Edward A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McDowell:

I do appreciate your gracious letter. I understand the matter, and always did, I think. But your warm friends nominated you, and it was my duty to write and ask you thus to serve. We value you greatly as a member of the Board, and feel supported by your interest. And we try to use conduct which you would support.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
AN AGENCY OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Wake Forest, North Carolina

EDWARD A. McDOWELL
PROFESSOR OF NEW
TESTAMENT INTERPRETATION

January 5, 1956

RECEIVED JAN 6 1956

Doctor George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your letter of December 19 was forwarded to me at DeLand, Florida. Due to illness I have lately spent some time in a hospital and later took a leave of absence from my work, spending a portion of it in Florida. I am happy to report that I am much improved and am back at work. Our new semester began January 2.

I apologize for the delay in replying to your much appreciated letter. I hope that the delay has not inconvenienced you.

I deeply appreciate the action of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in electing me a member of the Executive Committee in its meeting November 9. I should like very much to accept a position on the Executive Committee but I feel that at the present time and under present circumstances it is inadvisable for me to serve. Regretfully, ~~however~~ therefore, I ask to be excused of this service.

My declining appointment to your Executive Committee does not mean that I have lost interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council. I hope that I shall be continued as a member of the Board of Directors, and if I am continued as a member it is my purpose to give more attention to the meetings of the Board and to the work of the Council. I appreciate very deeply the splendid work that the Council is doing, and I consider it a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward A. McDowell

Edward A. McDowell

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Board - Ex C of Corr - 1956

January 8, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock,
P.O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

Your letter rejoices us all.

We look forward to that time not far off when we can be at your side again in meetings of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Phoenix

Post Office Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia
Fifth of January
Nineteen Fifty-Six

Director George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta Georgia

RECEIVED JAN 7 1956

My dear Dr Mitchell:

By this you may know that I am recovering-slowly but surely I hope from a very dangerous and complicated operation in Johns Hopkins Hospital. Since the middle of October I have been incapacitated and have had to sacrifice all activities of a public nature. I have hated to let go by default my immediate services to the Southern Regional Council. You can understand my anxieties pertaining thereto only by considering my deep interest and devotion to our common cause. I have hated to miss the meetings and especially have I hated to be unable to raise the financial quota assigned to the membership of the Board. But with an aggravated ailment of many weeks to be climaxed with a serious operation and hospital confinement I had no other choice than to take to the sidelines and wait and hope for recovery. I hope I am again on the road to good health. My heart is with you and the good men and women who are carrying on with such vigor and courage under circumstances which most certainly try your souls.

I hope you and the others will not be too greatly dismayed at the irresponsible attacks currently being made on the SRC. We are willing to pay the price of rendering the service to the South and nation we are undertaking. There is a might in Right that cannot be denied and in this we rest our case. Tell my comrades in the service that my heart is in every activity that promises ultimate victory.

Yours very kindly,

Gordon B Hancock

Gordon B Hancock

Mimeo of letter sent to each board + Exec. Comm. members (1/8/56)

Board -
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Exec. Comm.
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The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 9, 1956

MR. MARION A. WRIGHT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, N. C.

DEAR MR. WRIGHT:

I AM INDEED MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF THE NEW YEAR AND I FRANKLY FEEL AS THOUGH IT IS SOMEWHAT UNDESERVED.

THE MORE CONFUSED THE PRESENT SITUATION BECOMES, THE LESS EFFECTIVE I FEEL THAT MY OWN EFFORTS HAVE BEEN IN THE FACE OF THE MANY DIFFICULTIES. I CAN ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND PERHAPS EVENTUALLY WE WILL SEE A GREAT RAY OF HOPE.

I PERSONALLY AM BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO THINK IN TERMS A BETTER SOUTH, PARTICULARLY IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESENT SCHOOL SITUATION THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME EFFORT TO FACE THE PROBLEM REALISTICALLY. I REALIZE THAT FROM THE PAPERS AND FROM THE WORDS OF THE POLITICIANS IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TRUE. BUT FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY PEOPLE, THERE SEEMS TO BE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE AND THIS, I THINK, IS EVENTUALLY GOING TO BE HELPFUL.

WE SHOULD, IN TURN, ACTUALLY OFFER TO YOU SOME AWARD OR CITATION OF MERIT FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE. YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL AND IN OTHER THINGS HAS BEEN A GREAT INSPIRATION TO MYSELF AND I KNOW TO VERY MANY OTHER PEOPLE. AND I AM GRATEFUL THAT I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING WITH YOU.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:E

Board - 90 - E.C. - 1956

January 13, 1956

Mr. York Willbern
Board of Public Administration
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Willbern:

We are delighted to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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January 10, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The enclosures to your letter of January 6, concerning which I wrote you on January 9, arrived this morning. I was interested in reading them.

If you think that I can be a useful member of the Board of Directors, I will be glad to serve. The problems with which you are concerned are important and difficult ones, and I would like to make any contribution which I reasonably can.

Sincerely,

York Willbern

York Willbern

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January 16, 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I returned from the Valley to find your nice New Year's letter, bringing me the verbal award from the Southern Regional Council. I do accept it, and I prize it most highly, because of the work of the SRC and the standard of measurement that it must use for such awards.

Thank you. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

/d

THE MARKET
• 2,800,000 PEOPLE
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• AWAITING INVITATION

January 20, 1956

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Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

I am very happy to know that you are recovering from an illness and major operation, and hope that soon you will be restored to good health. We have missed your presence at the meetings of the Southern Regional Council, but we believed strongly that you health was in the cause and that your spirit was with us. We are grateful to you for the many services which you have rendered to the Council and to this society of ours in your effort to extend the practice of the democratic philosophy. Although you find it necessary to curtail your activities in the Council, those of us who remain, will seek to carry forward those ideals which you have held and perform some of the services which you would have performed were you able so to do.

Best wishes for a normal recovery.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

cgg:m

Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

January 24, 1956

Mr. G ordon B. Hancock
P.O. Box 6056
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

I sent your kind letter around to Members of the Board; I see that one or two are already writing in to you. Good Mrs. Crate at Houston particularly wishes her regards sent to you.

The Executive Committee of the Council met last weekend and by formal resolution expressed their warmest hopes for your early and full recovery. They all yearn for the day when you will be back in your place at Committee and Board meetings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Some time back you asked for a ~~publication of~~ a break-down of our Board Members by occupational classification. This has been done and is being supplied to Members of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

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Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 6, 1

Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O.
Box 895
Rock Hills, South Carolina

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. E.A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

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Executive Director

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Executive Director

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February 6, 1956

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 6, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

February 7, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I have read the two papers and have no changes to make. I am aware of the fact that nine times out of ten the man who makes no changes has given only slack thought to the matter; in this instance no changes because none seem needed.

I believe I would omit the sentence at the end of Explanatory Notes beginning "I will of course return to the Fund...." From their point of view they supply a sum and expect you to write the book. If you write the book they will have been richly repaid. If you don't write the book it is but lame to send them back an unused seven hundred dollars.

I think you have struck a nice balance between underpinning yourself with facts and preparing to write with all conviction. You will have a problem to keep the facts that will get loaded into the factual chapter from becoming indigestible lumps. And as between the pure liquor and liquor with lumps I choose the pure. Problem is to dissolve the lumps in liquor.

I never knew a book-writer yet who did not write twenty times more than he used. Why don't you try just sitting down and writing what you know is the truth? It will be good stuff and it will be blessed near publishable as it comes. I have visions of you being all involved in instructing a staff of squirts and waiting for them to do their third-handed job and then frantically in the last few weeks of the grant doing perfervidly what in the first few weeks you could do easily and with joy and in a way to carry conviction.

Alternatively write the bloomin' thing, conviction and all, and then turn the manuscript over to the staff squirts to paw at. And then reject nine-tenths of their pawings.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

Mayesville, S. C.
Feb. 1, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
The Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta,3, Ga.

Dear George:

I am enclosing, for your critical comment, the papers I have prepared to go to Frank Lauscher and the Fund for the Republic. These are complete except for a personal letter to Lauscher, but that will be largely formal, merely indicating that I am making the application as he suggested. (There will also be included reprints of some of my articles, but there's no use for you to be bothered with this.)

I talked with Lauscher the Saturday morning of the Executive Committee meeting. I wish very much you could have been there; if I could have talked with you, I might have avoided the necessity for the correspondence. Lauscher himself suggested that I submit the application to you for your comment; he knew that you had talked with me about the matter the day before.

Lauscher himself sees the proposed book as fairly short. "Perhaps two hundred pages"; "You don't want to write a tome, do you?"; "a tract for the times." However, one of the last things he said was, "You write the book you want to write."

I told him, in our conversation, that I didn't want to write a "tome", if by that he meant a book replete with statistical tables a numerous footnotes; but, though I was perfectly willing to stick my neck out with opinion and interpretation, I wanted a firm basis of fact on which to stand. How much research would be necessary to give me this fact, I don't know. (Just now I need a little research on this typewriter to see what's the matter with the "c".) Apparently Lauscher envisages the book as a fairly simple job, written largely from the facts and opinions I have accumulated through the years. But I am sure he does not want me to do any book except the one I want to do.

Of course, if it weren't necessary at this time to make the application for a grant, I should begin the book, and as it grew I should look for the facts that appeared necessary. My wife insists that I apply for a grant on about the scale you suggested, and that's what I have done, but I have indicated my uncertainty as to the amount of research necessary in the accompanying comments. I should appreciate your advice on anything pertaining to the application, but I suppose I am most uncertain about the matter of the financial request.

Make whatever notes on the enclosed papers that you wish; they are copies. If you think it worth while to talk with me, drop me a line, telling me about what time it would be best to call you, and I will call you from Miss Reid's. I shall appreciate anything you can do to help me, but don't take too much time with it. It just occurs to me: should I say in my letter to Lauscher that if the grant is made, I will make an early disposition of my farm duties, and start on the study quickly?

Sincerely, Dabbs. J. M. Dabbs.

February 7, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I saw last night in the The News Statesman and Nation for February 4 a review some sixty years late of Charles Booth's monumental Life and Labour of the People in London. The reviewer touched on the relationship between statistical fact and the author's purpose. "It was not theory which would change the world, but 'intensity of feeling' enlivened by knowledge. 'In intensity of feeling, and not in statistics, lies the power to move the world. But by statistics must this power be guided if it would move the world aright.'"

I think that about hits your problem; although at that, by all odds, your problem is to get down the intensity of feeling.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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February 14, 1956

Mr. J.M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I had opportunity to talk with Harold Fleming about your book-writing task. Harold says any foundation would be unlikely to put up the dough for researchers when existing bodies are supposed to have the dope researched already. Harold also says that if you will provide in your application for your travel expenses while here for a couple of weeks we with what we have in this office would underpin you with a dickens of a lot of facts and could put you onto other sources for what we don't have. Pursue application as in your best judgment. We stand ready to be maximumily helpful at all times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMO

March 6, 1956

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: George Mitchell

Mr. Wright sent out on March 1 a staff-prepared table on attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee.

We wish now to acknowledge in at least one discovered instance a serious and regrettable error. We showed Miss Wilkins as having been a member of the Executive Committee straight through the period 1951 to date. As a matter of fact (a fact I should have caught), Miss Wilkins was not on the Executive Committee between 1950 and November, 1954. Since her return to the Executive Committee there have been five meetings of the Committee and she has been to four. Her attendance percentage therefore jumps from 27 to 80!

For the others we were dependent on the notations of attendance as made in the approved minutes of each meeting and few of us would repose the firmest confidence in the attendance notations in the minutes.

But in Miss Wilkins instance, we can plead no mechanical error.

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O.,
P. O. Box 895,
Rock Hill,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

March 12th, 1956.

Dear Father Shean,

Thank you so much for your cooperation in our workshop at Columbia last Tuesday. Mrs. England made a very definite contribution to the discussion. In fact, the experience of Rock Hill was the touchstone that set the meeting going. I am sure Mrs. England could tell how quickly she was called on to relate the experience, and for how long questions were hurled at her.

A heart full of thanks.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

M. E. Tilly,
In Charge of Women's Work.

MET:rl.

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

MARCH 2, 1956

MRS. M. E. TILLY
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR MRS. TILLY:

YOU ARE VERY KIND TO SEND THE INVITATION OF FEBRUARY 27, AND I AM HAPPY TO KNOW THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR AREA AT THE MEETING.

WE SHALL VERY DEFINITELY HAVE SOMEONE THERE. AT THE MOMENT, I AM SURE THAT MRS. ENGLAND, WHO WAS AT THE MEETING IN ATLANTA, WILL BE THERE AND THERE WILL BE OTHERS WITH HER.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:E

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . .

3-23-56

John - Please send Dabbs copies of the following today with a note saying G.S.M. will write at first opportunity. HCF

1. Our statement
2. Wall St. Jnl articles
3. Birmingham editorial
4. N.Y.T. article on industry reluctant to move South
5. Hate sheet promoting boycotts.
6. ~~[illegible]~~

RECEIVED MAR 20 1956

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street

COLUMBIA, S. C.

AN ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERNERS OF BOTH RACES WORKING TOGETHER IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Columbia, S. C.

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Mr. Gil Rowland
Greenville, S. C.

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean
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Mr. W. E. Solomon
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Mr. Paul Webber
Orangeburg, S. C.

Mrs. Marion B. Wilkinson
Orangeburg, S. C.

Mrs. Robert J. Wykes
Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Morris S. Young
Anderson, S. C.

Mayesville, S. C.
March 18, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

The enclosed letter for your information. Please return it. And please let me have immediately such material as I may need to convince Wiggins that he is the man to get the business leaders of South Carolina together, to support the Southern Regional Council, to improve the present southern situation.

Wiggins was once under-secretary of the U. S. treasury; he is now chairman of the board of directors of the A. C. L., etc.

I appreciate all that you and Mrs. Mitchell did for me Friday. It was a pleasure to see her, your daughter, and Miss Armstrong again.

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs.

MEMO

April 20, 1956

TO: Mr. Marion A. Wright

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

In order to comply with approved procedure the professional staff would like to know in advance when they are expected to be present at sessions of the Executive Committee meeting. This is governed by the statement in the memorandum to the Executive Committee dated January 20, 1956, and subsequently approved by the Committee.

If the staff can be given guidance on this, they will be grateful.

Bd - gen correspondence

May 2, 1956

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met in Atlanta April 20-21. Among other items of business they proceeded to the choice of two persons to fill the two vacancies on the Executive Committee. One vacancy arose when last November Dr. McDowell Richards at Wake Forest, who was chosen to be on the Executive Committee, said he did not want to serve. And I have forgotten how the other vacancy arose, but it has been a vacancy a long time.

Here is a list of the members of the Executive Committee. Here is a list of members of the Board.

Various of us on the staff and on the Executive Committee thought it right to get on to the Executive Committee persons who would represent the point of view of the state organizations which SRC assists. Wherefore the Executive Committee chose for the two vacancies yourself, as the Chairman of a state organization, and Mr. B. R. Brazeal Dean of Morehouse, as the elected representative of a state organization.

Membership on the Executive Committee means that you ought to try to get over to the meetings which occur every three months or thereabouts. You wouldn't have to get to all of them in a year, but the more you get to the more we like it. Expenses are paid. The next meeting I believe will be on St. Helena's Island in South Carolina July 20-21.

We are respectful of the hebdomadal cycle of ministers and try to schedule our Committee meetings so as not to interfere.

We all greatly hope that you can take on this responsibility.

'Tis no great addition in time or worry. But it is the central governing body of the Council between the annual meetings of the Board. And the staff behaves itself and does what the Executive Committee says.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - List of Exec. Com.
List of Bd. Members.

cc: GSA

May 2, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met in Atlanta April 20-21. They had two vacancies on the Executive Committee, and chose for their new members yourself and a Methodist parson at Alexander City, Alabama, named Duncan Hunter.

We all greatly hope that you will be willing to serve. The Executive Committee meets every three months. It is the creature of the Board of Directors, but the Board of Directors only meets once a year, and the Executive Committee pretty well runs the show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by GSM/signed in his absence.

cc: ~~Encls~~ GSA List of Exec. Com.
List of Bd. Members.

May 4, 1956

Board - Exec Com
Board - gen cmte

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have written to Mr. Joseph Haas and submitted the proposal from your letter of April 23rd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1956

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

We are delighted to have you. The first meeting for you is July 20-21 at Frogmore, which is to say Buford, South Carolina.

I knew that ultimately we would lose Bob Hughes, but I had been hoping that the blow would not fall soon. A mighty good man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: GSA

First Methodist Church

ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA

DUNCAN HUNTER
MINISTER

SEMMES AND GREEN
STREETS

RES. ADAMS 4-2633

BUS. ADAMS 4-3331

May 15, 1956

RECEIVED MAY 18 1956

Dr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter in regard to my serving on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. This would be quite an honor.

Although I feel that there are others far better qualified to serve in this capacity, still I would like to have this privilege. So if I am elected, I will accept this position.

If these Executive meetings are held on Saturday, it may be necessary for me to fly in order that I may be in my pulpit on Sunday morning. If this is contrary to policy, maybe it should be considered.

I attended the General Conference of the Methodist Church. Things went better than s ome of us expected. I made some contacts which I hope will prove to be helpful to the Alabama Council.

We are making a serious effort on finances.

Has Bob Hughes spoken to you about the possibility of his going to the mission field this fall? If he does, it will leave us in quite a spot.

Sincerely,

Duncan

Duncan Hunter

May 21, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

The first upcoming meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC is July 20-21 at Frogmore, which is to say Buford, South Carolina. Please remove aside those days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

We are glad to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

May 9, 1956

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

RECEIVED MAY 10 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

It is with pleasure that I write to say that I accept membership on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. I believe in the aims and program of the Southern Regional Council and as a member of its Executive Council I shall do my best in helping it to continue to forge ahead in vital areas of human relations.

I shall stand by for further information and for an announcement about the date for the next meeting of the Executive Council.

With kind regards and appreciation to you and your colleagues, I am

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal
Dean

BRB:h

May 29, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF HCF

RE: Occupational breakdown of Board

The occupational groups that are most logically related to my efforts are the social scientists and the newspaper men. I have a few tentative ideas about how we might involve them, which I am listing below, but I would like us to consider all this very carefully before we move. This business of asking peoples' advice is very tricky; [redacted] if you don't take it, you are likely to queer the relationship rather than help it. I also think we ought to take into account which Board members are likely to want to be involved. Some of them, I suspect, would much rather be silent partners and would be repelled by strenuous efforts to pull them into program considerations. But we can talk about these reservations before we get too specifically committed.

1. Certainly at the Annual meeting we could divide the Board into appropriate committees to discuss program efforts. I would be glad to have a session with the social scientists about our various fact-finding projects, and one with the newspaper men about publications, promotion, and publicity.

2. We might consult with the educators and perhaps other categories about how to get our materials (Changing Patterns, etc.) more widely used.

3. As some of our larger surveys approach completion, I could send a draft of the findings to the newspaper people and ask them for suggestions in getting the full publicity value out of them.

4. Probably the most meaningful use of the Board people is the kind of thing we have done most in the past: to ask them individually to bring influence or skill to bear where it is most needed. Paul Williams' recent services are perhaps the best example of this, and others readily come to mind. With conscious effort, we could probably do a good deal more of this.

HCF:mbo

June 12, 1956

GSA:

I saw Paul Williams in Richmond June 9th. He spoke of desiring to come to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, so I take it he considers himself a member, though he has never accepted his election to Vice-President.

You might make some notation in the box that he is to be considered a member, and so amend the appropriate lists.

eab/

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
September 21-22, 1956

September 21

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Reports
Executive Director
Secretary-Treasurer
(Fund-raising by States)

Review of current Budget

Discussion of Staff Memorandum of September 13, 1956, re Future of SRC after October 1, 1957.

Executive Session
(a) Report of Personnel Committee re in-grade promotions for staff.
(b) Report of sub-committee re Executive Directorship.

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Executive Session

September 22

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Approval of staff action re allocation to states according to 25% formula.

Discussion of Mississippi Council's probationary status

Amendment to By-Laws

Other Business

Executive Session

Bd. of Directors — Future of SRC

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
MET
FBR
CHP
RA

FROM: GSM

At the meeting of the Board of SRC November 9th, the staff was directed to prepare a proposal to the Executive Committee, to be ready in January or perhaps -- at the latest -- in April, 1956, for continuance of the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic grant.

I think they are more interested in how much of the function of a central office should survive than in how to finance such an office.

If I may have a memo from each of you by December 15th, giving your views, I will be grateful.

eab/

GM

December 8, 1955

Dr. A. W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

As you know the Executive Committee of the Council plans to meet at your institution on January 20-21, 1956.

Before we sent out notices to the members we wanted to get specific instructions from you as to the place of the meeting on your campus and also any other revelant information that should be sent to the members.

With kindest personal regards to you and your family, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Exec. Comm. Jan. 20,

December 12, 1955

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We shall be very pleased to have the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council meet here on January 20 and 21. But I should like to know as soon as possible how many people you expect to attend the meeting and how many will need housing.

We can quite conveniently provide a place of meeting and meals but we do not have much facility for housing guests. We could accommodate about ten persons comfortably on the campus. If the number of persons attending the meeting exceeds ten, we will need to look about for other housing.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

December 13, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

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Dear George:

I have your letter of December 9th with regard to the meeting of the Executive Committee in New Orleans on January 20-21.

The wish of the Executive Committee was and is that you should, of course, attend all of its meetings and that remaining staff members should be available at such meetings for purposes of giving reports and advice as requested. I can see that this may involve us in some expense where meetings are held outside of Atlanta, but I hope that expense may be held to a minimum by the use of one or more automobiles for transportation purposes.

If I were preparing the agenda for the New Orleans meeting, I would provide for reports of staff members as the first feature of that meeting, each member appearing separately and retiring upon completion of his report, but all members remaining in an ante-room so that they could be promptly recalled if their presence should be desired.

I am sure that this was the idea that Dr. Dent advanced and which was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

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Board of Dir. meeting

December 15, 1955

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on January 20-21, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The first session begins on Friday afternoon (January 20) at 3:00 P. M. Central Standard Time. There will be also an evening session which will begin at 7:00 P. M. The meeting will conclude with a session on Saturday morning (January 21) beginning at 9:30 A. M. and ending about 12:30 P. M.

We earnestly hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. As usual the Council will assume expenses of members.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you plan to attend the meeting. We will need to make arrangements with our host as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

TO: GSM

FROM? RHA

RE: SRC after the Fund for the Republic grant expires

I do not think the State organizations will be equipped to carry on the type of services that have been rendered by SRC after the FFR grant expires.

I do know that SRC cannot continue to pperate without substantial financial support, yet I would not hesitate to try to tap every resource possible to see that SRC continues until most, if not all, the opposition that has cropped up since the Supreme Court Decision, is wiped out.

In terms of the central staff--I do think that it could operate successfully on half of its present staff. The State Organizations will be on their own and will not depend on us for all the help they are now getting.

NEW SOUTH and the "Information Service" now being rendered by SRC should be continued above everything else.

December 19, 1955

ACF

Board meetings 1-20-56

December 22, 1955

Mr. C.H. Parrish
926 South 6th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

I have been in correspondence with the Council's President as to the attendance by staff members at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee at New Orleans (at Dillard) January 20 and 21.

That series of meetings falls neatly into three sessions: Friday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p.m., Friday evening, and Saturday morning. In the last meeting of the Executive Committee (shortly before the Board met) it had been agreed that the Executive Committee would at its subsequent meetings have a period in which no staff members were present, a period in which some were, and a period in which only the Executive Director, from the staff, would be with the Committee.

It is agreed that the New Orleans meeting will be one in which, during the Friday afternoon session, the Executive Director and the four assistant directors and the secretary-treasurer, will be present, with a view to supplying maximum information to the Committee, I expect we should absent ourselves for the Friday night session, at which time the Committee will presumably get further with decision as to the presence of staff at its meetings-both for the remainder of the New Orleans meeting, and for subsequent Executive Committee meetings.

So please plan to be on hand in New Orleans for the afternoon of January 20, and available to the Committee for the morning of January 21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef
P.S.: GSA can book accomodation for us at Dillard or wherever.

Meeting
answer
1/9/56

December 30, 1955

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Yes, please do come to New Orleans January 20-21.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: C.H. Parrish
Fred Routh

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1/20/56

January 8, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I can make the Executive Committee meeting in New Orleans either Friday A.M., January 20, or "distinctly second choice" with me, Friday afternoon, 5:00 PM.

Tell me which one you want.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in Louisiana.

January 8, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have just returned from a four day trip through southwest Louisiana. This past Wednesday in Lake Charles I had a confernce with our newly-elected state president, Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland who indicated that the feeling of the new officers and committee chairmen at our state meeting in December was that our state executive committee meeting which is to be held this month would be more friutfull if some other staff person besides MCV could help them formulate their policies.

We had made plans to have the state executive meeting in Lake Charles during the week of January 23-27 because Irene Osborne was scheduled to visit with us in Louisiana during that week. However, when Miss Osborne had to change her schedule, the time and place of the meeting was changed.

In your letter of December 29 concerning the possible conference with Mrs. Cahn's group, you indicated that you could possibly squeeze in some time with that group. However, that gropp will not be able to meet that week-end. Mrs. Rowland strongly urged me to write to you to find out if you could meet with our state executive committee which would be held here in New Orleans that week-end of January 19-22. Mrs. Rowland suggested either Thursday night the 19th or Friday morning the 20th before the SRC meeting in the afternoon.. She also suggested the possibility of your meeting with the group(LCHR state executive meeting) Friday afternoon about 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. between the SRC meeting.

What do think? My concern is that we should overtax you with many meetings in such a short period of time and since I know that you are on the road so often, would want to get home for the weekend.

I would appreciate very much an answer as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Milton

Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director

P.S. Please excuse typing, because I had to do it in a hurry at the office Sunday afternoon.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVEN

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

January 11, 1957

Memo to: SRC Executive Committee
From: SRC Staff

Your staff thought it would be helpful for you to have a more comprehensive picture of the activities of the Consultant Service Program.

Enclosed is a copy of the most recent report sent to the New World Foundation, which has been underwriting for the past seven months this aspect of our work. We are in the process of negotiating a further grant from them for this purpose for this calendar year.

FBR:mm

THE COUNCIL, THE SOUTH, AND THE FUTURE

December 12, 1955 Fred Routh

The decade now ending has been a period of accelerated change for the South; SRC has played an important role in assisting the region and its people to adjust to this change. Recently SRC has completed the first phase of a vastly expanded program in the South: the setting up of human relations agencies in the twelve states of the area. These agencies have needed considerable aid and assistance from the central office, not only financially, but organizationally and program-wise as well. Today and tomorrow these organizations face and will face the necessity of assisting communities in their respective states to meet the challenge of desegregation and integration. They, along with religious, educational, and business institutions and organized labor, have looked and will continue to look to SRC for guidance.

Thus, the first question to be answered by any organization which asks, "What of the future?" has received an affirmative reply. Is there a <u>need</u> for the continued services of the Southern Regional Council ? YES ! If the past decade can be referred to as the "decade of accelerated change" the coming decade may well be referred to as the "era of jet-propelled transition." And the needs of the state organizations, the region, and the people for constructive guidance will be multiplied not lessened. The South is well on its way back into the main stream of the nation's life. There are strong forces however, out of the past, which work to keep the South isolated.

The Council would be grossly negligent, indeed foolhardy if it fails to assist the forces of progress in the South in the coming decade. Its program must be expanded, not constricted nor terminated, if we are to work out constructive transition.

At the time the grant from the Fund For the Republic expires we may expect that desegregation in the schools will be well under way in some of the Southern states but it is almost beyond hope that much change will have taken place in Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, or Mississippi. There will be work still to be done by a regional office to assist the state organizations to help bring about compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

The trend of recent Supreme Court decisions is toward holding un-Constitutional the expenditure of public funds for segregated facilities or services. I.C.C. rulings demand non-segregation in inter-state transportation and in terminal and depot facilities. The President's Committee on Government Contracts is working to end discrimination and segregation in all plants which have contracts with the federal government. Organized labor is united as never before and this gigantic force is seeking an end to discrimination and segregation in its locals. As big business and industry move into the South new demands for conformity to the national pattern will be felt even more.

The demands for change on the part of the South are multiplying; they are many times what they were only months ago. To assist the South and its people through this period of transition there is a need for an integrated organization which has had experience in assisting social change and has earned the confidence of both white and colored people.

There is in the South today only one organization which meets all of these requirements: The Southern Regional Council. A joint planning committee composed of representatives of the Board, the central staff, the

state staffs, and competent social scientists should sit down together to examine the needs of the South in the continuing adjustment and to plan how the Council may help fill those needs. Its future must not rest on the continuation of funds from one source, no matter how generous. A well organized, far-seeing finance committee is a must. A professionally competent program planning committee is a must. An adequate professional consultant service is a must. A well trained professional staff is a must. A dedicated Board of Directors is a must.

If the Council really cares about the South of the future toward which it has worked, then it has work yet to do. Let it never be claimed that the leaders of SRC said, as did Louis XV,

"Apres moi le deluge."

January 12, 1956

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

The staff is under standing instructions to get out to the members of the Executive Committee ahead of each meeting, certain stated items.

These are:

An organization chart
List of personnel and salary rates
Job descriptions

In addition, the Board meeting on November 9 asked for a staff memorandum on the continued existence of the Council after the grant from the Fund for the Republic shall have expired. This is enclosed; also a recent letter from Gordon Hancock.

Acceptances thus far are not numerous and we hope that the Committee will make an extra effort to get to the New Orleans meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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Board - meeting - 1/19/56

January 22, 1956

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Mayesville, S.C.

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Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

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Atlanta University,
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Carter Wesley
Box 3086
Houston, Texas

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Mr. Leonard Haas
Suite 601
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

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P.O. Box 6056
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Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Very Rev. Maurice Shean
Box 895
Rock Hill, S.C.

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Executive Director

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January 12, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N.C.

Dear Marion:

To those members of the Executive Committee whom we expect pretty clearly to the New Orleans meeting, we are sending informationally the present revised condition of the by-laws.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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January 16, 1956

Mr. Milton Vigo, Exec. Dir.
LOUISIANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milt:

The Executive Committee Meeting in New Orleans will be attended by George Mitchell, Harold Fleming, C. H. Parrish and John Hope II and me from the central staff. We will arrive in town on Friday morning and be there until late Saturday afternoon. The meeting, as you know, is at Dillard. If you will contact Dr. Dent I am sure that we can arrange to be together.

Frank Loescher will be in Louisiana on Saturday and will attend the Executive Committee sessions.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

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January 16, 1956

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

As of this date the following persons plan to attend the Executive Committee meeting at your institution on January 20-21, 1956:

1. Mr. Marion Wright	Time of arrival not definite
2. Mr. George S. Mitchell	11:30 a. m. Friday
3. Mr. J. M. Dabbs	8:00 a. m. Friday
4. Miss Josephine Wilkins	Not known
5. Mr. John A. Griffin	Some time Friday
6. Father Maurice V. Shean	Not known
7. Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander	11:00 a. m. Friday
8. Mr. Fred Routh	11:00 a. m. Friday
9. Mr. Harold Fleming	11:00 a. m. Friday

These persons have expressed a desire to be housed on the campus.

Dr. Mitchell wants the first session of the meeting to begin at 2:00 p. m. Friday afternoon rather than 3:00 p. m.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant.

GSA:mf

Same letter sent to: Miss Josephine Wilkins

January 16, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write to you and state that the first session of the Executive Committee begins at 2:00 P.M. central standard time rather than 3:00 P.M. at Dillard University in New Orleans.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

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January 20, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Executive Committee

FROM: Professional Staff

RE: Staff Participation in Executive Committee and Board Meetings

The staff fully recognizes that the Board and Executive Committee have complete authority to prescribe the degree of staff participation, if any, they wish to have in policy-making meetings. The purpose of this memorandum is merely to set forth in an advisory spirit our best thinking on the subject.

The aim of any arrangement should, it seems to us, be two-fold: (1) To make possible the fullest sharing of ideas and opinions by professional staff and policy persons; but at the same time (2) to safeguard the privacy of the policy group in actual decision-making and in considering staff members, staff performance, and other intimate organizational questions.

As your professional staff, we feel that we have much both to give and to get by participation in policy discussions. We are able in this way to benefit from the experience and knowledge of our lay leadership; we can deepen our insight into what is wanted and expected of us; and we can emerge with sound understanding of the thinking behind decisions which we are to implement. Conversely, board and committee members will have the advantage of detailed information and insights which staff members derive from day-to-day work in this field. Creative interchange of this kind seems to us the essence of wise formulation of program and policy.

We emphasize, however, that once full discussion has taken place and all views have been frankly expressed and considered,

~~the final~~ decision is exclusively the function of the policy group. Staff members have neither the right nor the desire to intrude on this function.

In order to further these objectives, we propose the following arrangements:

(1) That the Executive Director, the Assistant Directors, the Director of Women's Work, and the Secretary-Treasurer be present at all except executive sessions. It is recognized that there will be sessions in which the presence of the Executive Director alone would be desirable.

(2) That the agenda for each meeting be so ordered that there are ample executive sessions during which the Committee or Board may make its final decisions and take up matters of a private nature.

(3) That the agenda be so planned that staff members may know in advance which sessions they are expected to attend.

(4) That both staff members and policy persons carefully observe the distinction between open sessions and executive sessions and guard against ill-timed discussions.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20-21, 1956

Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta, Georgia

AGENDA

January 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P. M. (Church Parlor, 2nd Floor)

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of previous meeting

Reports of Executive Director and other staff persons

Assessment of position

Board Membership

Finance Committee

Place for future meetings of Executive Committee

Matter of possible libel suits

Budget for 1st Quarter of 1955-56 year

Action on budget for next Quarter

Friday Evening, 7:30 P. M. (Church Parlor, 2nd Floor)

Executive Session

General Policy

Plans for Post 1957 period

January 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 a. m. (Room 108)

Mrs. Tilly available

Discussion by Frank Loescher of his travels

Action on funds to be raised

Other business

Executive Session

Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

January 20-21, 1956

The meeting was held at 63 Auburn Ave. in Atlanta, with Mr. Rufus Clement, Chairman, presiding. Attending the afternoon session at 2:00 P.M. in the Lounge of the building were the following members of the Executive Committee: Mr. J.M. Dabbs, Miss Josephine Wilkins, Mr. M.A. Wright, Mr. Rufus Clement, Mr. John Griffin and The Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O. After the beginning Executive Session the following staff members were invited in: Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer; Harold C. Fleming, Assistant Director for Information; Fred Routh, Assistant Director for State Organizations; C.H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations; John Hope II, Assistant Director for Program; and George S. Mitchell, Executive Director. Mrs. Marjorie Fiske served as Secretary.

After the Chairman's call for the minutes of the previous meeting, Miss Wilkins requested an amendment.

Under the heading "Proposed Statement for Use in SRC's Defense," the following language had appeared in the minutes of the meeting of October 28 and 29, 1955:

> A drafted statement was then made available to the Committee, with particular attention being called to the argument developed on page 7 re the usefulness to Communism of such attacks as that currently being made in Georgia, and after discussion of a possible additional paragraph the statement was given approval.
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> The statement as approved is here supplied in the minutes:
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> "Not only is this phony 'anti-Communism' vicious; it offends the intelligence of every thinking person. The international communist movement has one, and only one, interest in our racial problems - that is, to exploit them throughout the world. Some two-thirds of the people of the earth are dark-skinned, and the communists are trying desperately to win them with the claim that our kind of democracy is available only to white persons. If there were no racial discrimination or segregation in this country, the communist movement in Asia and Africa would lack its most effective weapon.
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> A perfect example of this fact is the reaction of Soviet Russian officialdom to the Supreme Court decision. For days, the government-controlled Russian press made no mention whatever of the decision. When at last they could ignore it no longer, they announced defensively that the decision meant nothing - that it would never be implemented. This is precisely the argument that Attorney-General Cook and his fellow demagogues make so noisily. Unwittingly perhaps, but undeniably, they do a great service to the cause of communism every time they raise their voices on behalf of 'white supremacy.'

Individuals and organizations that work responsibly and conscientiously for the growth of democracy in the South and the Nation are the opponents that the communists really fear. Yet it is precisely these individuals and organizations that Mr. Cook and his kind seek to defame and discredit. What could please the communists more than to get the credit for every effort to make our American ideal a working, living reality? What could please them more than a campaign to arouse suspicion and hatred of those citizens who work intelligently for a more just, democratic, and Christian society? How they must delight in the irony of such Americans being stigmatized as servants and dupes of the communist cause!

No informed person believes that the communists want to see Negroes accorded equal rights and dignity or that they want to see our racial problems solved through the orderly processes of the law and constructive community action. The communists want to see us hopelessly bogged down in our prejudices and our fears. They want to see us defying the law of the land, whipping up racial hatred for political purposes. In this respect, they have a common purpose with Attorney-General Cook and his kind."

It was agreed that the statement should be circulated widely, and that it might ultimately be the basis of a printed pamphlet.

Miss Wilkins said the lenghty statement had been available to her only at the time of the previous meeting; that she noted that the minutes carried only four paragraphs from the entirety of the statement; and that she was clear in the recollection that at the previous meeting the action taken had been "approval of the statement in principle."

Upon motion the minutes of the previous meeting were amended to read: "A drafted statement was then made available to the Committee and was approved in principle."

The entirety of this statement as approved in principle in the meeting of October 28 and 29, 1955 is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Exhibit A.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director said that the Council was now mid-way in its enjoyment of its grant from The Fund for the Republic. Twenty-two months under that grant had elapsed and twenty-one were to come.

He said that fiscally the Central Office might expect to be in funds through the month of May. Aid to the States was good until the end of the fiscal year, i.e., September 30.

We have twelve State organizations, of which perhaps seven are strong, one is weak, and four are so-so.

We are getting on top of the training program through the employment of Mr. John Hope II and the expanding consultants program.

Mr. Fred Routh has learned the great skill of improving ailing State organizations.

Mr. Fleming is beginning to get a back flow of information from the States.

The State organizations are proving increasingly helpful to Mrs. Tilly through her work with Church groups.

The State organizations seem to feel secure about raising their money for this fiscal year.

We will need a vigorous Finance Committee of SRC which will have a task of raising somewhere around $20,000.

New South now has about 4,100 subscribers and is taking on new subscribers at a rate of about 200 a month.

The second year of the grant aid from Field Foundation, Inc. has been received in the amount of $5,000. The Doris Duke Foundation in response to our request has sent $7,000 as a final grant for conduct of our Information Program.

The Staff is pursuing additional sources of funds.

We have a good staff professionally and clerically.

We may expect further attacks on the Council.

Some appraisal was given on the status of possible libel action against the Hearst Journal-American.

The sad death of Dr. Will W. Alexander was spoken of.

The Tuskegee Board Meeting had requested a staff proposal for continuance after the expiry of the Fund for the Republic grant. Such a proposal had been circulated to members of the Committee and was available for its discussion.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION - Harold C. Fleming

He referred to the growing function in the obtaining, storing and analysis of information; and to the insistent demand for briefing of journalists in the South. He had in prospect for publication a revision of Answers for Action and a leaflet simply reprinting the Supreme Court decisions and giving an analysis of them. He reported on the current effort of the New York Times to obtain the Southern story; an arrangement come to with the Southern Historical Association for the publication by the Southern Regional Council of certain speeches given at their recent historical meeting; and described recent conferences looking toward an expansion of our work with affiliated State groups, toward obtaining a full picture on what is going on in the South.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM - JOHN HOPE II

The consultant program has been organized with the view of serving SRC State offices with technical services. Nine technically qualified people have been invited to serve as consultants to State organizations and for other purposes. The consultants, who are well-prepared people in their field with good backgrounds, include Dr. Robert Johnson, Dr. Louis Killian, Mrs. Bonita Valien, Dr. Harry Walker, G.E. Wilson, Mr. Whitney Young, W.D. Jones, and Dr. Kenneth Clark. Three areas in which it is hoped the consultants will be working are:

1. Being available to the State organizations for weekend workshop sessions with the Board and staff members.

2. Conferences of the staffs from the "hard core" States.

3. Consultants might be farmed out to other organizations on demand. They could help other groups in setting up institutes, workshops, etc.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - C.H. Parrish

Most of his concern during the last few months had been with the consultants program. The individual State organizations have 300 or more Board Members. The full use of these persons can be one of the Council's most valuable assets.

He had attended a North Carolina workshop and another at Bennett College at Greensboro. He was taking part in plans for a similar group to be held at the University of Kentucky again this summer.

There were parts of the South, he said, in which there was an obvious determination not to let democracy work. Outside these infected areas there are going to be parts of States that will be wishing to desegregate and wishing to know how to do it. The Council needs to give know-how to those who want to go ahead. We need a standard professional service that can help in this way.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Fred Routh

Mr. Routh reviewed the progress thus far of each of the State organizations.

Mr. Wright commented that previously there had been criticism that the central office lacked an integrated staff and so did the States. Now all but one of the States has integrated staffs.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER - Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

Mrs. Alexander provided the following report:

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

The matter of the resignation of Mrs. C.M. Birnie was presented and discussion followed about whether the Executive Committee could fill vacancies between Board meetings or whether the vacancy would have to remain until the next Board meeting. The chair was called upon for a ruling on the right of the Executive Committee to fill interral vacancies on that committee. It was the ruling of the chair that, under the by-laws, the Executive Committee had the authority to fill such vacancies. Miss Wilkins suggested that we leave ourselves without filling the vacancy created by Mrs. Birnie's resignation until the next meeting with the hope expressed that in the interim someone will see Mrs. Birnie and she will reconsider and withdraw her resignation. If she does not then the vacancy will be filled at the next meeting.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - G.S. Alexander

Mr. Alexander reported as follows on the total Board membership:

Before the November Board meeting, the Council had 75 Board members of which 25 were ex-officio members.

Members at the Tuskegee Board meeting did not nominate the following members for re-election:

1. Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill, South Carolina
2. O.D. Duncan, Stillwater, Oklahoma
3. R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston, Texas
4. Clyde Milner, Guilford College, North Carolina
5. L.E. Thomas, Miami, Florida
6. A.S. Turnipseed, Mobile, Alabama

In addition there were six known vacancies on the Board. Of those elected at the Tuskegee meeting the following have accepted:

1. Dr. L.H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
2. Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock, Arkansas
3. Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Georgia
4. Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte, North Carolina
5. Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina
6. Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama
7. Mr. W.E. Solomon, Columbia, South Carolina
8. Mr. York Willbern, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The following persons have refused:

1. Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta, Georgia
2. Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta, Georgia
3. Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville, Kentucky
4. Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans, Louisiana
5. Mr. Frank Price, Lexington, Virginia
6. Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville, Kentucky
7. Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia, South Carolina
8. Mr. Julian Price (Deceased), Greensboro, North Carolina

The following persons have been invited to serve on the Board but have not replied as yet:

1. Mr. James Stewart, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2. Mrs. E.J. Sparling, Hot Springs, Arkansas
3. Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Louisiana
4. Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington, Virginia

The following persons who were nominated as alternates have not as yet been extended an invitation to join the Board:

1. Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Mississippi
2. Dr. Raymond Wheeler, North Carolina

The Board as of January 18, 1956, has 78 members and 5 vacancies.

The ex-officio membership is complete.

Members of the Committee stated that since four persons were invited but have not accepted and some have not yet been invited and there are only five vacancies there was no need for action at this time by the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. G.S. Alexander gave a report on the status of the proposed SRC Finance Committee. Each of the twelve State affiliates have been asked for nominations, and Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi alone had not yet sent in nominations.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Mitchell proposed that we organize three area meetings of the Committee members which Mr. Wright and also Mr. Mitchell would attend. Those present at these area meetings would be asked to make plans for raising money.

PLACE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

After some discussion on the shift of this meeting from New Orleans to Atlanta, and of the experience thus far with the Executive Committee meetings scheduled outside Atlanta, the suggestion was made by the Executive Director that in the future we schedule all meetings of the Executive Committee in Atlanta, except the one during the summer months. Upon motion by Mr. Wright this was agreed to.

The meeting then adjourned until the evening session.

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The Committee reconvened at 7:30 P.M. in the Lounge of 63 Auburn Avenue. The Committee members present were: Marion A. Wright, The Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O., J.M. Dabbs and Josephine Wilkins. Staff members present were George S. Mitchell, C.H. Parrish, Harold C. Fleming, Fred Routh and John Hope II. Elizabeth Friedman served as Secretary.

The meeting took up the matter of possible libel suits. The Executive Director summarized information obtained from a visit by Mr. Morris Abram to interview legal firms engaged in libel practice in New York. Morris Abram reported that it was altogether possible that a firm could be induced to take the cases on a contingent-fee basis, but that the most suitable such firm

held that a sum of $10,000 to $15,000 would have to be provided for the preliminary close scrutiny of the writings and history of persons who might be parties to the suits.

The report was made also of the efforts through Mr. Wright to get word to the newspaper involved in the libels that the Council has friends.

"No suit in the name of the SRC," the Executive Director said, was presently under consideration.

Mr. Wright: So there is no action to be taken at this time?

Executive Director: The question is "Would the Council oppose private law suits by the parties libelled?" Of course, the SRC's good name is involved.

Miss Wilkins: Anything expressed at Tuskegee? They wanted something done? There was no expression of not wanting action?

Mr. Fleming: The people who are interested in suing are interested, not from the point of view of personal vindication, but from principle.

Mr. Wright: A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained. But the individuals have been jumped on by the Hearst paper because they have been on the Board, because they have been our friends and helpers. We are under moral obligation to be of any help to them. Do not go into the treasury. If they want to bring suit we should help them.

Miss Wilkins: They will be helping the Council if they bring suit.

Mr. Wright: A suit would not help us - financially or otherwise.

Miss Wilkins: If the individuals bring suit, do you feel that that is a disadvantage?

Mr. Wright: I would rather that the individuals not bring the suit, but I would not impose my judgment against that of these people.

Father Shean: Does it weaken the suit if only four or five bring suit?

Mr. Wright: It will be separately by individuals.

Mr. Dabbs: I agree with you - on legal opinion. I would simply say I disagree with you personally.

Mr. Wright: It would not be a legal matter. I have the feeling that no good will result, but some harm might come from a suit. We should be of all aid we can to the individual. The Council would have no standing in court.

Mr. Mitchell: There is a common law right to defend ourselves as a Council.

Miss Wilkins: After all this was regarding an attack on the members of the Board of SRC by bringing suit. They will not only fight their own battle, but also SRC's battle, and also a much greater battle. I felt we were all helping each other.

Mr. Mitchell: The staff would gather from this debate - if some desire to sue, the SRC will render what support it can.

Mr Wright: I interpret that as being our unanimous opinion. Is there any dissent? (There was none). It is the unanimous decision that the Council should render all assistance it can to individuals who may desire to institute some action.

John Hope: Is there any difference between the SRC taking the position of giving all assistance possible and the other position that they back? You see the process of clipping people off one at a time. The reaction began to form when some people stood their ground.

BUDGET FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

The Executive Director in the unavoidable absence of Mr. G.S. Alexander stated that Mr. Alexander had made a careful examination of the various categories of expenditures under the budget as approved by the Tuskegee Board meeting and had found that, item for item, we were quite close at the expiration of the first quarter of the fiscal year to having spent an even quarter of the funds budgeted.

The Committee, on the basis of the Director's report on the budget for the last quarter, on motion approved continuance on the present basis for the ensuing quarter.

The budget analysis referred to above which was not distributed at the time to Members of the Executive Committee is appended to the Minutes of this meeting as Exhibit B..

THE SOUTH AT A CRISIS

Mr. Wright suggested consideration at this point of the papers which were read by Mr. Fleming and Mr. Routh in the afternoon, which papers had been requested by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Hope suggested that the various consultants be supplied with these papers in full.

The papers are appended to the Minutes as read. The cautionary remark was made by each author that the papers had been prepared under pressure of time and were held subject to considerable revision.

Mr. Parrish, in discussion, spoke of the importance of finding the next spots to work on in each of the States and of planning to remove from the public mind the various fears pushed by anti-compliance organizations. He wanted us to give attention to techniques in human relations appropriate to local situations; and to the engagement of the interest of new people who might not be willing to go all the way, but who did respect law and order and who did dislike violence. In some part it became a matter of getting good new people on to the State Boards.

Mr. Hope spoke of the importance of getting results in some communities as

an encouragement to others. Also he thought that Southern areas would greatly care what opinion of them was held in Washington and the rest of the world. The South "gets more money from the United States Treasury than any other part of the country." We could begin to probe into the propriety of this. Such problems as transportation and others were collateral to the school question.

Father Shean said that many people who think they are standing alone are surprised to find the amount of agreement elsewhere in their communities.

Further discussion came around to the view that the content of the two papers should be the basis of an early special issue of New South. And the Committee upon motion directed that this be done.

STAFF ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Wright brought up the resolution made at the final Executive Session at the Mammoth Cave meeting last summer, which action had severely limited staff attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright said in subsequent conferences with the staff that it had appeared to him that the arrangement set up at Mammoth Cave was not an altogether happy one. He had therefore asked the staff to submit a proposal on that matter. The Executive Director then read the memorandum following:

January 20, 1956

TO: The Executive Committee

FROM: The Professional Staff

RE: Staff Participation in Executive Committee and Board Meetings

The staff fully recognizes that the Board and Executive Committee have complete authority to prescribe the degree of staff participation, if any, they wish to have in policy-making meetings. The purpose of this memorandum is merely to set forth in an advisory spirit our best thinking on the subject.

The aim of any arrangement should, it seems to us, be two-fold: (1) To make possible the fullest sharing of ideas and opinions by professional staff and policy persons; but at the same time (2) to safeguard the privacy of the policy group in actual decision-making and in considering staff members, staff performance, and other intimate organizational questions.

As your professional staff, we feel that we have much both to give and to get by participation in policy discussions. We are able in this way to benefit from the experience and knowledge of our lay leadership; we can deepen our insight into what is wanted and expected of us; and we can emerge with sound understanding of the thinking behind decisions which we are to implement. Conversely, Board and Committee members will have the advantage of detailed information and insights which staff members derive from day-to-day work in this field. Creative interchange of this kind seems to us the essence of wise formulation of program and policy.

We emphasize, however, that once full discussion has taken place and all views have been frankly expressed and considered, decision is exclusively the function of the policy group. Staff members have neither the right nor the desire to intrude on this function.

In order to further these objectives, we propose the following arrangements:

(1) That the Executive Director, the Assistant Directors, the Director of Women's Work, and the Secretary-Treasurer be present at all except Executive Sessions. It is recognized that there will be sessions in which the presence of the Executive Director alone would be desirable.

(2) That the agenda for each meeting be so ordered that there are ample Executive Sessions during which the Committee or Board may make its final decisions and take up matters of a private nature.

(3) That the agenda be so planned that staff members may know in advance which sessions they are expected to attend.

(4) That both staff members and policy persons carefully observe the distinction between open sessions and Executive Sessions and guard against ill-timed discussions.

Mr. Wright indicated intention on the part of the Executive Committee in Executive Session to decide any action on this matter.

DEATH OF DR. WILL W. ALEXANDER

Upon motion the following resolution was approved and ordered sent to Mrs. Alexander:

We, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, wish to acknowledge the incalculable debt which we, the South, and the Nation owe to the late Dr. Will W. Alexander. It was largely through his leadership that Negro and white Southerns first joined in equal dignity to seek the way to a more democratic society. The growing number of Americans devoted to the achievement of this aim stand as a living memorial to his unfaltering faith in his fellowmen. Here was a man who translated into skilled actions the thoughts of a keen mind and the love of a great heart. We shall gravely miss his wise counsel but we re-dedicate ourselves to furthering the task which was his life-work.

NULLIFICATION, INTERPOSITION, UNDSOWEITER

Father Shean, Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming and others briefly discussed the purport of this present controversy. Father Shean thought there ought to be some clarification of the public meaning of the controversy.

Mr. Wright suggested that Mr. Fleming be in touch with Professor Jay Murphy of the University of Alabama, and get also additional aid from recent articles

that have appeared in law journals of the University of Virginia and the University of South Carolina.

Upon motion it was resolved that a letter be sent to Dr. Gordon Hancock expressing the hopes of the Executive Committee for his early and full recovery.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then met briefly in Executive Session. It had before it the staff memorandum dealing with staff and Board relations given on page 9. After full consideration of the proposal, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the resolution be approved. Whereupon the Executive Committee adjourned for the evening.

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The Committee reconvened Saturday morning, January 21. Present, from the Executive Committee, were: Marion A. Wright, J.M. Dabbs, Josephine Wilkins, The Very Rev. M.V. Shean, C.O. Those present from the staff were: Harold C. Fleming, Fred Routh, John Hope II, C.H. Parrish, Mrs. Dorothy Tilly. Mrs. Marjorie Fiske served as Secretary. The Executive Director was unavoidably absent on a previous engagement in New Orleans. Frank Loescher, of the Fund for the Republic, was present.

LOESCHER ON HIS TRAVELS

Mr. Loescher very kindly gave to the Executive Committee various impressions of the journey he was making about the South. He had attended a meeting of the Consultants at Atlanta University and thought it a valuable activity with a constructive program underway. He had been impressed with the activities of our friends in Virginia and most particularly with the religious forces in the State.

In South Carolina he had felt some affinity with conditions in South Africa. He had been understandingly assisted by Mr. McCain, by Father Shean and by various others.

He had visited our offices in Florida and Mississippi and at Montgomery he had attended a meeting of the bus-boycott group: a most impressive occasion.

He saw a need of interpretation to the nation of the silent South - the people whose voices are not being heard.

After further discussion Mr. Fleming referred to the desirability of efforts to protect the right to vote and the conversation carried along that line for some time.

Mr. Hope said the more we can get information and block it in so that we can use it, the better we can carry on informing the public. In cooperation with the Consultants Program there were possibilities of getting probably gratis assistance from university set-ups to organize and analyze blocks of material. We need such material not only for the Consultants, but also to get

out information to the general public.

Mr. Fleming: How can we develop a systematic professional service of intake and analysis of this kind of raw material?

Mr. Loescher: Many believe we ought to get every State to get a social scientist on its Board. Consultants might give some though as to how the social scientists might make research available from each State.

Mr. Wright thought that with material of this kind we might enlarge the Government's definition of disaster areas.

Mr. Fleming asked the Executive Committee to give some expression for the Minutes on the general subject. "That the staff explore, in conjunction with the affiliated State organizations, an arrangement in each State toward the development of a systematic region-wide fact-finding program to document practices in the crucial areas of race relations today."

Mr. Griffin: Did you mean to proceed or to just bring in plans by next Executive Committee meeting?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to work it out in terms of organization.

Mr. Wright: It would be the view of the Executive Committee that the proposal outlined by Mr. Fleming be authorized to begin at such time as in the discretion of the staff is wise.

Mr. Loescher saw the analogy of what was being proposed to a present school reporting service and legal reporting service. This now emerges as an economic and political reporting service. Discussion was also underway with Southern churchmen about a religious reporting service.

THE WORK WITH CHURCH WOMEN

A great deal of what has been discussed relates to whole work as well as to what Mrs. Tilly is doing. She is interested in it as it relates to the Church. When we talk of "social engineers," we need a voice in the Church. All the methods and thinking you can present won't amount to very much unless you can work out a motivation for it. In Time, there appeared a story of an old Negro woman who had been walking for a long time and when asked if her feet were tired, she said no, her feet were rested, but her soul was tired.

The silent Church is a part of the silent South Mr. Loescher referred to. Mrs. Tilly expressed concern that it has no spiritual side. There must be a religious conviction. It isn't going to come about through social scientists, obviously. Mr. Mitchell wanted her to go to various denominational boards and talk about the moderate man who has no convictions. The Citizens' Councils are building on Bible misinterpretations. That side we have neglected. Somewhere on that basis she has been trying to work with Church women. An example is the Georgia Council of Church Women which was not a very strong organization. They wanted to, but didn't accomplish so much. She had a two-day retreat for them - gave them something to fight for - a cause. Now they are a strong

and sturdy organization. A pamphlet on the Bible is needed refuting what the Citizens' Councils are doing. And it is needed now. It should not bear the SRC label.

Mr. Dabbs: Church men plan to get out a leaflet on the refutation of Bible interpretations. The idea is to get four or five leading ministers rather than someone from a theological school. But, it should be publicized by individual denominations but signed by these men.

POST-1957 PLANS

As time progressed toward adjournment, Miss Wilkins asked that the discussion of a post-1957 program carry over as the first item of business at the next meeting of the Executive Committee and that in the call for the next meeting the attention of the Committee be drawn to the fact that this topic was to come up at the meeting. This was moved, seconded, and carried.

PROPOSAL FOR MORE SUBSCRIBERS

Mr. Parrish suggested the Council explore the possibility of having State organization members 300 strong each approach twenty friends and give them a one-year subscription to New South, thus reaching 6,000 more key Southerners.

Mr. Loescher suggested getting national agencies and groups to get subscriptions for their members.

Mrs. Tilly expressed the need for items more simple for New South.

Mr. Wright conveyed the appreciation of the Committee to Mr. Loescher for his presence and the meeting adjourned at 12:40.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

May 3, 1956

RHA:

Please take action correcting the Minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, '56 on page 7 to accord with the correction made early in the meeting of April 20-21, '56, which change deleted the language on page 7 of the January Minutes("A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained.").

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Sent to all members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of Mr. Wright.

January 14, 1957

Dear Executive Committee Member:

Every once in a while one or another of our state organizations puts out a report or a publication that we think unusually good.

In the future we would like to share these with you. Enclosed are two examples: a yearly report from the Florida Council on Human Relations and a discussion-starter from the Greater Atlanta Council - the "local" of the Georgia Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm

Enclosure

Future file

January 25, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

I promised you the full staff memos on continuance after 1957.

These are the main copies, so please get them back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Copies of memos of PHA
CHP
GSA
HCF
FR
MET

Exec Comm.

January 30, 1957

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

It was wonderful to be with you at the Executive Committee meeting, which I believe to be the best in which I have participated. Your contributions there were most valuable.

In accordance with your request, enclosed are fifteen copies of SRC's promotional pamphlet.

The best of everything.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mm
Enclosures

MEMO to GSM from CHP

THE FUTURE OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The future of SRC would seem to center around Program, Organization and Financing with priority being given to these items in the order of their listing.

Two questions to be considered in connection with program are:

What is the unique role of SRC as presently constituted?

Is there any need for SRC? Or more precisely, Will there be a need for SRC after the period of the grant from FFR?

Perhaps it would be fitting to say that what is unique about SRC is not what it does but how it does it. Ours is an integrated approach. We have in the past combined in various degrees advocacy, professional service and research. For the most part the emphasis has been on advocacy. We have urged equality of opportunity and we now urge compliance with the law of the land. We will have fulfilled our unique mission, however, if we can 'sell' the integrated approach. We are in a better position than anyone else to promote this approach because we have been working at it longer than anyone else. Our future depends upon the extent to which we can incorporate this experience into a body of technical knowledge and thus make available to the South a much needed professional service. Our major function would be that of imparting to others the skills we have acquired. We are not staffed for research but we have a continuing function of disseminating the findings of other research workers. Under appropriate conditions our files should be available to responsible social scientists for research purposes.

Assuming the realization of the ideal of twelve financially secure, autonomous state organizations dedicated to the achievement of SRC goals, it is difficult to see the need for anything more than a skeletal regional organization to serve as a sort of clearing house that would facilitate communication among the affiliated groups. Even if this ideal is not reached, any movement toward it would involve a corresponding reduction of SRC staff and budget.

The prospect is not bright for financial support that would make the state organizations independent of help from outside their borders. It is unrealistic to expect memberships and individual contributions of small sums by many people to be nearly enough to keep state organizations going. Sizeable donations in "hard core" states will almost invariably turn out to be bribes to get us to turn aside from the school segregation controversy. Local financial support for the SRC program would appear to be in inverse relationship to Need. On the other hand, in a few states where the political atmosphere is more congenial to our purposes, effective state councils may be taken over and operated at public expense. This would be an extension into the South of the pattern of official recognition and backing of human relations programs. In any event SRC would have to look to outside foundation support for its continued existence.

If SRC demonstrated its ability to provide the unique professional service which will be in great demand throughout the South during the next few years, there should be no great difficulty in getting the necessary funds. This is the task before us.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSM

FROM: Dorothy Tilly

RE: FUTURE OF SRC

The future of the Southern Regional Council as to finances seems dark -- but the future is bright with challenging opportunities and most definitely with direct responsibilities of SRC to help the South through the difficult days of adjusting itself to the inevitable enforcement of the Supreme Court decisions.

Never has there been more need of SRC than there will be in the next few years. To retrench would amount almost to betrayal of our section and of those organizations and individuals who have, through the years, sought direction from it.

Poor indeed will the South be without SRC with the field left to a Regional setup of the Citizen's Council.

I believe a Finance Committee, really feeling the seriousness of the situation in the South (the defiance of the supreme law of the land, the fear, intimidation, and terror engendered by the Citizen's Councils) and seeing in the situation the opportunities and challenges to the SRC could speak so convincingly they would secure the funds needed.

NEEDS:

(1) The State Councils will not be able to stand alone in another year or so without a coordinating and directing Central agency, therefore, the Central office needs to be strengthened by both staff and space.

(2) Yearly Conferences of several days for each of the following

Southwide groups. Leaders in field of Social Sciences, Church Women, heads of denominational Boards of Education.

(3) We should face the fact that our publications, for the most part, reach only those whose social conscience is already quickened. However, these will continue to need something like New South. There should be found someway to reach the masses so easily persuaded by the propoganda of such organizations as the Citizens' Council. Simple factual material tied up some way with their Bible Belt South, I believe could be just as effective as Talmadge "Statesman", etc. This too, calls for more finances, but if it can be done -- it will strengthen the appeal for funds. (Talmadge spent one half million on trying to extend the County unit system to general elections. The other side $13,000 and won.)

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: G.S.A. GSA

RE: Reasons for continued existence of SRC after expiration of grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Reasons for continued existence

There are a number of reasons that could be advanced for the continued existence of SRC. First of all there seems to be a definite need for the Council in the supervision and coordination of activities of the several state affiliates. As it now stands SRC furnishes the hub of communications between the state councils. The need for effective communications in any organization cannot be overstressed. There is also a need for some central point where information can be disseminated and channelled to the different state organizations. There is also a definite need for research which can best be performed by SRC on the regional level.

It is my conviction that the state affiliates would function less efficiently without the present services that are being offered by the staff of SRC. These services mentioned above, I think, can best be performed by a central office rather than on a limited scale by the separate state affiliates.

Financial Support

However, in order for the central office to continue on its present level a very difficult financial problem presents itself. Ways and means for providing financial support for the program of the Council would have to be given serious consideration by the members and staff.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

April 20-21, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., April 20th, in the Conference Room, Harkness Hall, Atlanta University, by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

The following members were present:
Marion A. Wright, President
Rufus E. Clement, Chairman
Carter Wesley, Vice-President
J. M. Dabbs
Maurice V. Shean
Harry V. Richardson *

Staff members present were:
George Mitchell
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Frederick B.Routh
John Hope
G. S. Alexander
Elizabeth Brantley

Mr. A. R. Suritz of Rock Hill, South Carolina, was present as a visitor.

After Invocation by Mr. J. M. Dabbs the Minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, previously mailed to each member, were proposed for adoption. Mr. Wright asked that the language attributed to him on page 7 of those Minutes ("A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained.") be deleted. And the Minutes thus amended were approved. The Committee then went into a short Executive Session.

DISCUSSION OF POST-1957 PROGRAM OF SRC

In accordance with the order of business established for this meeting by the January, 1956 meeting, discussion on this subject took place at the opening of the April meeting. The Executive Director called particular attention to the material beginning on page 6 of the report previously mailed out as follows:

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* Present only at Saturday morning (April 21) session.

George Mitchell says we should plan for three further years, after the expiry of the help from the Fund for the Republic, which occurs in September, 1957. His plan contemplates three years of further modest aid to some of the states, and continuance on a reduced basis of the most essential services of a central office.

Argument on the states runs as follows: In 1957 we shall be aiding the states on a level of $8,500 for each state. Each will run to a total budget of over $15,000. After 1957 there will be some of the states which in all likelihood could not carry on in reasonable strength unless they had some extra help. SRC would be free of any commitment to help all the states alike, and could put help on the states that would need it most. How many? Say six. How much? Say an average of $6,000 each. Call it $35,000 of annual subsidy to state organizations, on a minimum basis; and $50,000 of annual subsidy on a reasonable basis.

On the central office, certain services would have to be saved. You should keep up an interchange through an organ like New South. You need a paymaster, by title a Secretary-Treasurer. You would have to have at least one man travelling out to the states a great deal; ideally a combination administration and program man. New South lives by having someone to collect information, that gets called a Director of Research. You would need two and probably three clerks. And you would need some sort of Director. In a budget, for minimum and for reasonable, it looks like this:

POSSIBLE BUDGET FOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Typical Year 1957 et seq

	Minimum	Reasonable
States		
For subsidy	35,000	50,000
Central Office		
Salaries		
Executive Director	8,000	10,000
Secretary	3,500	3,500
Secretary-Treasurer	4,000	5,000
Director of Information	7,000	7,500
Director of Research	7,500	5,000
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Field Man	7,000	7,500
	37,000	43,800

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Possible Budget - continued

Central Office	Minimum	Reasonable
Travel	5,000	8,000
Rent	1,200	1,500
Supplies	1,000	1,200
Telephone & Telegraph	1,200	1,500
Postage	800	1,000
Printing	10,000	10,000
Social Security	1,200	1,400
Miscellaneous	500	500
	57,700	68,900
Total, Central Office	58,000	69,000
Total, Central Office & State	93,000	119,000

In three years
Central Office and State

Minimum	279,000 - 280,000
Reasonable	357,000 - 360,000

How do you get together such sums?

By all experience, there is something that the staff can raise by friendships of the past. I would estimate this as follows:

	(1958-60) Per Year
From Churches	10,000
From Labor	10,000
Subscriptions to N.S.	15,000
Individual Gifts	1,000
Sale of Literature	1,000
Honoraria	1,000
Total	38,000

Annually, on the minimum budget of $93,000, this leaves $55,000 to be raised by a finance committee.

On the reasonable budget, it leaves $81,000 to be raised annually by a finance committee.

If you go on a three year basis:

Minimum budget:

Needed - 3 years	$280,000
Staff to raise	114,000
Balance, finance committee	166,000

Reasonable budget:

Needed - 3 years	$357,000
Staff to raise	114,000
Balance, finance committee	243,000

All of which is to say that three more years would cost on a minimum basis, say $165,000 more than is in sight; and on a reasonable basis, $240,000 more than is in sight.

The Executive Director stated that, as always, he had been squeamish about planning for the perpetuation of the Southern Regional Council but that the effort suggested was geared into a three-year period following 1957. For such an extension of the work of the agency, a finance committee would have to put together between $160,000 and $240,000. The proposal was based on the supposition that about half of the present state organizations will need some financial assistance after 1957. And that the existing arrangement of flat equality in subsidy to each state would give way to aid proportioned to individual state needs.

Mr. Wright said that in his view the Council ought to try to survive as a central organization for some years further, and that if it did not the situation in the South might be pretty hopeless.

Mr. Wesley suggested that we plan for a longer period than three years and set our sights on money-raising for the three years.

Mr. Wright asked if any approach had been made to the Fund for the Republic as to their attitude toward such a proposal.

The Executive Director stated that the Fund for the Republic had been particularly firm in their original negotiations that they will not assist the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the first three and one-half year period.

Mr. Clement thought that we might wisely ask the Fund for the Republic fairly soon to review the situation and consider making an additional grant.

The Executive Director stated that there was much history and commitment that the FFR expected SRC to find continuation money within the South.

Discussion turned to the role of SRC in the next several years in the South. The Louisiana suit brought against the NAACP had raised the question of whether SRC would have put upon it a role of substitution for the work of the NAACP. The Executive Director gave it as his view that the temporary eclipse of the NAACP in Louisiana would not stick in law.

Mr. Wesley said that in any case things could be speeded up by the educational work of SRC.

Mr. Mitchell said that in the last five years the received definition of the South had lessened by one state -- Oklahoma -- and that in a year or two Kentucky and maybe one or two others would take themselves out of the "Southern" picture.

Mr. Wesley said that increasingly the need for the type of legal work that the NAACP does will be diminished, but the type of work we do will be more needed as time goes on.

After some discussion of possible sources of funds within the South and from various foundations, it was agreed that the staff should early prepare a request for additional foundation funds with which to continue for a three-year period after the expiration of the present FFR grant.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director listed nine fields in which the Council is active. (1) We organize state and local people; (2) we teach them to do the best practicable job through what John Hope does; (3) we have been making Irene Osborne's specialized knowledge available over the South; (4) we do a considerable educational job in our own speechmaking appearances; (5) Mrs. Tilly stays in touch with the churches; (6) when needed we have the respectful attention of the press; (7) we dig up the facts; (8) we counsel a lot of people; and (9) we inform through New South.

He said that the people who do these things were available to the Committee for reports of their own, and in turn they duly reported.

Kentucky and Tennessee reorganizations.

But before these reports, the Executive Director stated that he had lately made a considerable departure from the initial offering to each state set forth in Memo #1 dated April 10, 1954. In Kentucky and in Tennessee an offer had been made of an altered financial arrangement with a view to getting a stronger organizational base in each of those states. The offer involved no greater expenditure than was being made for other states in the current fiscal year (indeed it involved lesser sums than in the others). But it was a departure from what had previously been our program and the Executive Director thought it ought to be known to the Executive Committee. Whereupon upon motion the Executive Committee approved the arrangements made with Kentucky and Tennessee by the Executive Director.

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Harold Fleming began by saying that in his nine years with the Council he had not seen as frenzied a time as the last three months when the South had for the first time become a major focus for the nation. He spoke of heavy demand on us by newspapers and writers, touching upon particular organizations that had sought our help. He described the emergence of the economic aspect of the problem of segregation and talked of the early perception of this issue within the Council and of the efforts made to get it understood nationally. He praised the work of the junior members of the staff, in particular the Research Assistant Miss Florence Irving, and Mr. John Constable who is assuming more and more responsibility for getting out New South.

He described in some detail a new task given the Council in a grant made quite recently by the Fund for the Republic of $50,000 to the SRC to enable a short-run job of fact-finding. This would be aimed particularly at gathering information on the Negro vote, on the trade union problems of the day, on Southern resistance movements, and on the economic issue. The grant runs for nine months and was described as fairly flexible in its terms. Fleming, with the help of Miss Irving, Mrs. Bem Price and others on the staff, is currently inventorying the amount of desegregation which has occured since the 1954 Supreme Court decision, and is planning steps to take in the other fields of information.

No public announcement of the grant had been made Mr. Fleming said, (though we had told the FFR that we expected them to carry their normal mentions of it) lest someone hereabouts sound the alarm for everybody to plug the keyholes.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS
C. H. Parrish

Mr. Parrish stated that the general over-view is good, except for the fact that people are a little jittery and a little bit concerned that this whole matter of moderation has, in a sense, weakened our procedure in state organizations. Thinks that overall the picture is very good. One of the things that all of us have worked on which needs continual emphasis is the matter of the utilization of members of the state boards. Tremendous problem is the matter of giving to individual members a sense of responsibility.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS
Frederick B. Routh

After some praise for Mr. Parrish, Mr. Hope, Mrs. Tilly and Irene Osborne for their contributions to the work in the states, Mr. Routh reviewed briefly the major events in each assisted state organization. Various members of the Committee took part in the discussion of programs of individual states.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM
John Hope

Mr. Hope reported another indication of the shift in atmosphere and attitude. As he listened to some of the reports he detected changes in some of the states since he had visited them. In Arkansas our group was getting panicky because they felt that the citizens' councils were really on a strong offensive. His meeting with them was significant.

Our interest has been to bring together a group of well qualified consultants who have the maturity and basic understanding of the situation, partially to deal with people and partially to handle questions informally and to give confidence. Not simply to give information, but to draw the people into thinking through the problem and the events that are happening in such a way that they really work through their problems. Recalled the preliminary meeting in Arkansas which drew together the Executive Committee to talk with the consultants -- idea being to orient the consultants, but really to break the ice and begin to get the key people on the Board and staff working together and discussing their main problems. From there he went to a day and a half meeting of the Board and a larger number of non-Board members. Again the discussion moved from the very general to the specific.

The purpose has been to get the people themselves to thinking through their problems and also to give them indication of what is going on elsewhere; how other people are dealing with the problem. Have tried to bunch our consultants in such a way as to get a good cross-section of experience and basic knowledge of social problems and how to handle them.

Mr. Hope then read excerpts from several letters he had received after the meetings of consultants and state people.

In Texas it seemed that there were a lot of different directions they wanted to go. Had the feeling that they were pulling themselves apart. There was finally a definite clarification of what was important and what was not important.

In Virginia the vision of job areas for the Virginia Council has expanded. Better understanding of how to tackle specific jobs. Insight came from knowing how experts have succeeded. New ideas for cooperating with other community groups. Had to cope with problem of the feeling in local communities that they were isolated. Effort of consultants was to indicate that a large part of the work should be done by individual Board members. Idea of individual resources. Suggested working with communities planning definite stages toward desegregation.

He stated that in the three states which he has already visited the workshops have reached between sixty and eighty people. Between fifty-five and sixty of those people are Board members. It is interesting to see the wide scatter of organizational representation among people who come to the meetings. Had the feeling that the resources and power of the Boards have been underestimated, and suggested that this power might be considerably exploited to get closer cooperation and individual

participation by the Board members.

Has pending a state board and staff meeting in South Carolina for the following Wednesday -- North Carolina the following weekend. There remains Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. In addition, has held a hard-core conference where staff and some Board members were in attendance. Full two-day meeting. Seemed to have been successful. Same feelings of discouragement, feelings of terrific weight of white citizens' councils, quite apparent at the meeting. Feels that as they began to dig into the problems they got a greater vision of what was possible, specifically, and determination to move forward.

The consultants have made efforts to keep the wires open and learn what is the best way to handle program developments as they move along.

At Dr. Mitchell's request, has had correspondence and conversation with Mrs. Bradley of the Child Study Association, thinks that they have good ideas and would like to involve them in the South, pointing quite specifically to panels.

Significant thing to consider -- has come up in Tennessee at this point and will probably come at a later date in other communities -- some communities are on the brink of possible integration, but there is not enough momentum to push them over. Need to consider how to move the official circles to active cooperation -- official or unofficial -- with a policy statement. Believed that if the statement went on to say "it is a local matter but we are going to see that local people are not bothered if they want to do it," it would be more effective. Question: "To what extent with the use of consultants could you infiltrate in these areas?" Answer: Consultants have this advantage: not a part of this organization, can be invited in to advise -- officially, unofficially, within limits, without limits. It was Mr. Hope's thought that in Tennessee within the next few days or weeks such a thing might develop.

The Tennessee Council, along with Fellowship House, has a program to bring white and Negro teachers together on Saturday afternoons. Knoxville is going to make an announcement any day now. Some people feel that the Alabama incident made people aware of the need for such groups, and that statements are going to begin emerging.

Mrs. Tilly's report was postponed until Saturday morning, as she had just returned to the city and had not had time to prepare it.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Alexander distributed to the members of the Executive Committee the following facts:

Statement of Income Raised Anew This Fiscal Year
October 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals	$ 1,765.00	
Organizations	1,986.00	
Churches	2,100.00	
Foundations	13,400.00	
Total Contributions		$19,251.00
OTHER INCOME:		
SRC Dues (Associates)	$ 231.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	3,068.50	
Sale of Literature	567.44	
Honoraria	307.68	
Interest Income	890.40	
Total, Other Income		$ 5,065.02
TOTAL INCOME TO MARCH 31, 1956		$24,316.02

Total amount to be raised to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from FFR	$55,000.00
Less: Amount raised to March 31, 1956	24,316.02
Balance to be raised by September 30, 1956	$30,683.98

In comment she said, among other things, that as of this report SRC was a little less than half-way toward getting the amount needed to assure receipt of further aid from the FFR for the coming fiscal year.

She said that the state organizations have done well over the six months period of this fiscal period, and all but four seem to be on the way to meeting the required conditions. Virginia and Georgia are better than half-way toward meeting their quotas.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

Mr. Alexander, Administrative Assistant, distributed the following figures relating to the budget, which figures revealed that the expenditures were comfortably close to anticipated amounts and that the Council's central office now stood to come up $15,000 short of enough to enable it to close the budget year in balance.

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenses as of March 31, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/31/56	Percent of Budget realized
Contributions from individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$14,000	$ 6,2[illegible]0.00	44.5
Dues	500	231.00	46.2
New South subscriptions	6,000	3,068.50	51.1
Sale of Literature	3,000	567.44	18.8
Honoraria	1,000	307.68	30.7
Interest income	800	813.90	101.7
Fund for the Republic	25,000	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55(estimated)	2,500	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$64,900	$50,828.52	78.3
*Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180	14,150.00	59.9
TOTAL	$93,080	$64,978.52	69.8

EXPENSES	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/31/56	Percent of Budget Expended
Salaries	$61,600	$31,242.59	50.5
Social Security Tax	800	266.00	33.2
Travel	7,500	4,501.96	60.0
Printing New South & Postage	6,500	3,444.90	52.9
Printing, other	2,000	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680	840.00	50.0
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500	1,409.01	56.3
Postage	2,000	573.92	28.6
Books & Subscriptions	300	229.09	76.3
Accounting fees	500	305.00	61.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300	349.31	116.4
Office Supplies	2,900	1,105.98	38.1
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com. Mtgs.	2,000	1,263.80	63.1
Special Mtgs/Women's Work	2,500	586.89	23.4
Total	$93,080	$46,301.98	49.7

*Includes $5,000 from unallocated State Funds.

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956) And Statement of Income Received to Date

BUDGET for 1955-56		$93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$24,129.00	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry-over from Duke and Field Funds (1954-55)	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$68,629.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 4/18/56	$12,300.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$80,929.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$12,151.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small foundations	300.00
Labor organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	100.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other churches	1,100.00
Board members	806.00
Individual Contributions	959.00
Associate members	231.00
New South subscriptions	3,069.00
Honoraria	308.00
Interest	814.00
Sale of Literature	567.00
TOTAL	$24,129.00
**Amount expectable:	
Churches	$ 900.00
New South	3,000.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of literature	500.00
Small foundations	700.00
Labor organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$12,300.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

April 18, 1956

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SRC

Mr. Alexander read to the Committee the following breakdown by states of the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee:

Alabama	No representative named as yet
Arkansas	Attorney J. R. Booker Century Building Sixth and Gaines Streets Little Rock, Arkansas
Florida	Professor Raymond F. Bellamy Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida (Doubtful if he can serve)
Georgia	No representative Former representative resigned
Kentucky	Mr. Houston A. Baker 2218 West Broadway Louisville, Kentucky
Louisiana	Professor R. C. Reynaud 1413 Mill Street Lake Charles, Louisiana
Mississippi	Mr. S. W. Miller 1503 West Pearl Street Jackson, Mississippi
North Carolina	Mr. W. L. Greene 125 East Hargett Street Raleigh, North Carolina
South Carolina	Mr. J. M. Dabbs Mayesville, South Carolina
Tennessee	Mr. Walter Sharp Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee
Texas	Mr. Charles A. Shaw 2206 Dowling Houston, Texas
Virginia	Mr. Paul D. Williams 3320 Gloucester Road Richmond, Virginia

He reported that the Committee had had two area meetings, one at New Orleans on March 7th and another at Atlanta on March 16th. At each meeting those present had agreed that some such sum as $1,000 should be raised in the very near future for the central office, and a similar thousand for each Finance Committee member's own state. It was planned that follow-up meetings would be arranged. Mr. Wright, who had been present for both meetings, suggested further activity in stimulating each Committee member to arrange for cultivation of possible prospects.

Various persons present commented on the confusion unavoidable in the matter of raising money both for state organizations and for the central office.

Father Shean suggested that it might be possible to steal some thunder from other people (i.e., citizens' councils) in building up a clientele with enthusiasm for the total work. Stated that SRC does not do any flag-waving, any preaching, or anything that might elicit emotional appeal. He wondered if there is a chance of doing a public relations job in the sense that SRC comes down to a lower level of approach to reach a wider variety of people. Suggested a very careful job of public relations done under the theme of democracy, religion, justice, etc. He asked opinions of the idea of using an expert fund-raising company or some expert fund-raiser who would also be skilled in public relations to prepare literature that would really build up such an idea, so that more and more Southern people will be aware that this is what the churches, the country, the schools were founded for. He stated that the methods are good, objectives are good, and the need is great.

Mr. Dabbs gave it as his view that you could not sell democracy to the South; the South would have to stumble into it.

Mr. Routh stated that Mr. Edwin Lukas of AJC had made some offer to assist the training of some of the state people in fund-raising.

Mr. Wesley stated that he has always felt that SRC didn't have the organ to attract the common man. One of the ways in which SRC could raise money is to take a message to the masses. Stated that he was always afraid of professional organizers -- if they do a good job, fine, but if not usually one is left broke. This is a good time for SRC to sell to the mass of people something else to hold to. Believes that it is not necessary to have public relations people, as the job could be done without them, especially if it jeopardizes the little money SRC already has. An important point in getting the job done is to approach the ordinary working man. He thought it important to get the majority of Southern working men, Negro and white, to understand that these things are a part of their inheritance, and that the things that they hang on to now are not.

Mr. Fleming suggested an early meeting with John Hope's consultants to find out what is known about public opinion-making in the South. Mr. Hope cautioned lest a propaganda program aimed at raising money interfere with long-range program prosecution. Thought we should talk with professional people who know the money-raising game and also with people who had knowledge of mass media.

Mr. Wright suggested the acceptance of the services of a money-raiser from the AJC and hoped that that would prove practicable. Mr. Parrish stated that he had talked with G. E. Mattison of Charlotte and another man from Mobile, and felt that such individuals would be of great help. Their business is raising money and they have the feel of social change.

Mr. Clement asked if a Chairman of the Finance Committee had been obtained. Mr. Mitchell replied that a vacant position of Treasurer of SRC was made when a change in by-laws was made at the last Annual Meeting, and negotiations were presently underway with some hope of success in filling the position. Mr. Wright stated that the Treasurer would presumably be the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Two vacancies on the Executive Committee having arisen, respectfully from the unwillingness of Mr. J. McDowell Richards to accept his election, and from the resignation of Mrs. C. M. Birnie, the Executive Director referred to the ruling of the Chair at the previous meeting that the Executive Committee had power to fill its own vacancies. And upon being asked for nominations put forward the names of Mr. B. R. Brazeal and Reverend Duncan Hunter, respectfully of Atlanta, Georgia, and Alexander City, Alabama. It was agreed that each of these persons would in some sense represent a state organization on the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee as heretofore constituted had not had anybody on it who sat on the Board as representatitves of state organizations. Mr. Hunter is Chairman of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, and Mr. Brazeal is the elected representative on the Board of SRC and of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Whereupon upon motion it was agreed that Mr. B. R. Brazeal and the Reverend Duncan Hunter be elected members of the Executive Committee.

As to the Board of Directors, Mr. Alexander stated that it had 78 members of whom 12 are ex-officio, 12 are state representatives, 5 are officers, and 49 regularly elected members. Of the 49 regularly elected members, 24 are in terms which will expire at the Annual Meeting in 1957, and 25 are in terms which will expire at the Annual Meeting in 1959.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, one member has resigned (Mr. Morton Weiss of Atlanta) and one person elected November, 1955, has accepted membership on the Board (Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini). The elected membership is one less than the number of 50 which the by-laws of the Council state is the maximum number. The Executive Committee took the view that the Board is at present at strength.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING MEETING

The meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

LIMIT FUTURE URBAN MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ONE DAY?

The Executive Director queried the Committee as to whether they wished to make the meetings (other than the Summertime meeting) cover a single calendar day. Nearly all members of the Committee were in favor of continuing with the present arrangement of a split meeting lasting the greater part of two days.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATIONS

The Executive Director stated that he was prepared to display to the Committee in Executive Session a proposed schedule of within-grade promotional jumps.

POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN SRC.

Mr. Wright asked Mr. Fleming to state his views on this. Mr. Fleming said that it was Mr. Wright's proposal that since the Council had been the object of a barrage of attacks it might be possible to neutralize these attacks by obtaining some statement of benediction from the President of the United States that might arise naturally from some normal contact.

The matter was discussed at length by most present. The Executive Director dissented vigorously. It was his argument that the program of the Southern Regional Council has its own dignity and that it should not ride on the coattails of a temporary occupant of the White House.

After prolonged discussion, the matter was tabled until the Saturday morning session.

LEGAL FEE ARISING FROM THE GEORGIA COMMITTEE

The Executive Director posed to the Committee the question of whether it wished to asist the Director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation in completing payment of a bill for legal services to him as Director of the Georgia Committee, incurred in connection with the recent attack on Dr. Wells by the State Teachers Retirement Board and the State Board of Regents.

Discussion cast some doubt upon the propriety of using tax-exempt money to pay an attorney's fee; raised the question of whether some proportion of the attorney's fee was not really Mr. Wells' personally; and questioned the propriety of setting a precedent under which others similarly slandered or threatened might not be assisted in legal action by the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Wright stated that if the Southern Regional Council should pay the unpaid bill of Mr. Wells, then SRC should be perfectly willing to put it in the papers that that was done. He, himself, would certainly hate to see something like that in the papers which, he said, showed that he had some doubts about it. Upon motion it was agreed that the Southern Regional Council would not pay the requested portion of Dr. Wells' attorney fee.

COMPLIANCE BY STATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH ALL STATE LEGISLATION

Mr. Wright, having in mind the Louisiana case against the NAACP, questioned whether there might not be a possibility of such suits being brought against state organizations of SRC. He suggested that each state organization be written to be sure that it is complying with all state laws. Mr. Wesley suggested that Counsel here in Atlanta be asked to check state statutes to see if the state organizations are complying. The Executive Director agreed to take the matter up with Counsel.

ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Wright, who had conferred with Mr. Leonard Haas shortly after Mr. Haas' expression originally of a purpose to resign, stated that Mr. Leonard Haas had not resigned in fact because the Council was under attack, but that Mr. Leonard Haas had made it plain that he wished SRC to choose a successor at as early a date as practicable. Mr. Leonard Haas had suggested that a remote kinsman, Mr. Joseph Haas, might be prevailed upon to take the position of Counsel. The Executive Director stated that Joseph Haas had indicated to the Executive Director that Mr. Joseph Haas would accept election as the Counsel. Mr. Mitchell said that, as the Executive Committee well knew, the position was without emoluments.

Upon motion Mr. Leonard Haas' resignation as Counsel was accepted with regret, and Mr. Joseph Haas was elected to replace him.

It was upon motion agreed that arrangements be made suitably to honor Mr. Leonard Haas at the next Annual Meeting.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned, to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. April 21st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - FRIDAY, APRIL 20

In Executive Session the Committee elected as Treasurer Miss Josephine Wilkins.

In Executive Session, under the item "Personnel Classifications," it was directed that on May 1st Fred Routh's salary be increased by $250, Harold Fleming's salary by $500, and George Mitchell's salary by $1,000. The difference in increase for Routh and Fleming was ascribed to the difference in length of tenure.

SATURDAY MORNING MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m. Invocation was delivered by the Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Tilly began with some account of the pro-segregation literature now in circulation in the South; the misuse of Biblical texts in that connection; and the need for a leaflet which would set the public straight on Biblical interpretations.

She referred to the Fellowship of the Concerned and its beginnings and to its present stringent need for funds. The old Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynchings she said had been generously supplied with funds, and she frequently longed for similar provision for the Fellowship of the Concerned.

She reviewed her activities on behalf of the Farm Security Administration, her work with the Civil Rights Committee; the efforts of the Fellowship of the Concerned in getting women to sit in the courts; and the various state meetings lately held, sometimes in conjunction with the United Church Women through the Fellowship of the Concerned.

She said that human relations must have a religious basis, and that the various speakers at the meetings have held such a spirit.

She gave quotations from leading figures at some of the meetings and said that the meetings in general pointed up a lessening of communication between church women's groups as a consequence of the inroads of the white citizens' councils, and as a consequence of the fear so pervasively evident in the South today.

She said that at least one hundred thousand church women in the Southeastern states have had education in human relations through their church bodies, and could be movedto action in the spirit of their training. There was the additional resources she said of the interest of the various denominational bodies in truly Christian behavior. All this would be a mighty force if the women could be brought together oftener. But, she said, in the Southern Regional Council this work is a side issue. The original request to the Ford Foundation had made no specific request for funds for the work with church women, and for the time-being she was without funds except the $1,000 available from the John Hay Whitney grant. She listed her needs as a full-time secretary; the undivided use of a typewriter, shelves for materials, filing cabinets; in short, funds adequate to proceed generously with her program. She spoke of some such sum as at least $5,000.

Various members separately praised Mrs. Tilly's work. Mr. Clement suggested that the General Education Board, or others connected with the Rockefeller family, would be interested and suggested that Mrs. Tilly and Mr. Mitchell get an appointment with Mr. Lindsley Kimball of the General Education Board, 49 West 49th Street, New York City, and see if money could be found.

Mrs. Tilly noted that the Agenda had listed her not by her letterhead title of "In-Charge of Women's Work," but as Director of Women's Work, and asked if that might be her title. Whereupon upon motion Mrs. Tilly was given that title. And it was declared to be the sense of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Tilly and the Executive Director prepare a proposal to the General Education Board for such amount and for such period as they decide.

POSSIBLE MEETING OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS

The Executive Director stated that it is time and past time for SRC to bring its state organizations together. The states do not have enough money to pay for their own travel, and the central office does not have enough money to bring them together. The conference of the so-called hard-core states had filled a part of the need, but by no means all. The Executive Director was merely reporting the need for such a conference and that it was an unbudgeted item.

DECISION RE WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

In accordance with the order of business established in the meeting the day before, the Committee again took up this topic. Mr. Fleming stated that his present view is that such a statement would be helpful if a favorable one could be obtained. He would not be happy in public relations terms about a statement elicited from the President's blind side; that is sending something to him or hoping to obtain something through a meeting. And he pointed to the drawbacks inherent in any subsequent repudiation by the President of any statement that might be given.

Father Shean said that most of our efforts are in accordance with what the courts have said, and that our efforts should be to call attention to the fact that people should have respect for the courts and should do what they decide. The President is a symbol of our nation and is recognized as such by people who are against us, but who cannot get away from respect for his office. He believes that there are many people in the South who would pay attention to what the President said.

Whereupon upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approved the idea of obtaining an endorsement from the President of the United States, provided that an adequate and knowing statement could be obtained.

In further discussion Mr. Wesley said that Dr. Mitchell's statement that we earn what we get is fine, but in his view SRC has earned the right to ask the President or any other right-thinking person to endorse what it stands for.

Discussion continued on the point for some time.

FURTHER FUNDS FOR CONSULTANTS' SERVICE

The Executive Director stated that SRC had floated John Hope's program out of last year's balance of unused state allotments, and that the last of the money would be used up in the latter part of May, and that on present appearances the Council would be without funds to continue this invaluable program. A request to continue this program is now before the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, but we had no assurance that it would be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wright said that Mr. Fleming had mentioned the desirability of allowing John Constable to attend meetings of the Executive Committee. Mr. Wright stated that all who knew Mr. Constable had been very much impressed with him, and that his concern with SRC's public relations would particularly justify his presence. It was the sense of the Executive Committee that at subsequent meetings it would welcome Mr. Constable's presence.

Father Shean asked (1) is it permissible to ask the Council to form some sort of Committee to investigate and study into the needs of fund-raising and public relations, or would it be permissible for him, as an individual, to discuss the matter with someone of that type?; and (2) Does the Committee expect to have an Executive Session this morning? Is it permissible to r equest one?

Whereupon upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Committee would appoint a Committee to investigate the needs for fund-raising and public relations.

As to Father Shean's second question, it was upon motion agreed that the Executive Committee would go into Executive Session after the adjournment of the Saturday morning meeting.

Mr. Mitchell noted that Miss Wilkins, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Christopher were at pains to send in word in advance that unusual circumstances would prevent their being present at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - SATURDAY, APRIL 21

At the Executive Session Father Shean reopened the matter of the Council's financial assistance to Dr.Guy Wells. After discussion it was agreed that the action taken Friday, April 20th, should be unchanged.

Father Shean felt that it would be proper for the Council to give consideration to a policy to be followed in connection with possible legal involvement of any central or state staff member on account of his activities as a staff member. The following procedure was agreed upon:

> Mr. Wright should prepare a statement indicating the extent to which the Council might go in defending or assisting employees, and submit such statement to the Counsel of the organization. Upon securing approval of Counsel of a policy to be followed, such policy would be submitted at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for action.

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387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

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Mr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Wake Forrest, North Carolina

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Hass-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

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Houston, Texas

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RFD
Rip Raps
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Emory University
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Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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December 16, 1955

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent

We are enclosing a copy of the letter which is being sent to members of the Executive Committee in regards to the meeting on January 20-21, 1956.

We will let you know as soon as we have heard from the members in reference to the number of people who will attend the meeting and need housing. We are thinking that you can probably take care of the number who will attend.

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to state to you that he woulk like to reside on the campus.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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February 14, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, S. C.

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council would like to meet at the Penn School on Friday and Saturday, July 20-21. Meetings start with supper on Friday and continue thorough mid-afternoon Saturday thus involving breakfast and luncheon as well, for a total of three meals and one night's accomodations. Usually 12-15 people meet for the sessions. We are interracial and both men and women attend.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, SRC President, speaks highly of you and the Penn School. Would you please notify me of costs involved for this proposed conference and whether you can confirm the dates requested.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

P. S. This meeting is scheduled to start Friday, 2:00 p. m.

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February 16, 1956

COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Routh,

We will be very glad to have the executive committee of the Southern Regional Council meet at Penn on July 20-21. We are quite anxious that people in this area learn about our facilities and that full use be made of them; perhaps members of the executive committee will help spread the word.

The cost for the three meals and lodging will be $3.25. However, I note that your meeting is to begin at 2:00 P.M.; perhaps a number of the members would find it more convenient to have Friday lunch here as well. We will be glad to serve the additional meal for seventy-five cents, but would like to know how many would be present.

Penn can be reached by following U.S. Highway #21 through Beaufort, South Carolina, toward Hunting Island on the ocean; turn right seven miles from Beaufort at the village of Frogmore, and proceed one half mile to Penn. Your group will most likely be lodged in Arnett House on the left side of the road, while meetings will take place in Butler Building, on the right side.

Beaufort is served by the Greyhouse Bus, and a taxi from Beaufort to Penn can be taken. Yemassee is the closest station on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and we can plan to meet committee members there if notified in advance. Airports at Charleston and Savannah are equidistant, and buses from those cities to Beaufort run regularly.

We are having a folder on Penn printed now, and will send you enough for committee members; this contains a map and may save you some explanation.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

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P. S. I notice that your meeting continues to mid-afternoon Saturday. Some of those coming might like to spend the night and part of Sunday before starting back. There is a fine beach at state parks (segregated, needless to say), as well as interesting country that some may want to take advantage of; the charges would be seventy-five cents per extra meal, and dollar for the extra night's lodging. However, it would help in our planning to know how many would be staying and for the length of time.

CS.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

20 Feb 56

GSM –

The proposed meeting at Penn School for SRC Exec. Committee July 20-21 has been confirmed by Courtney Siseloff in a letter received Saturday.

I suggest we draw a map for Exec. Com. members to be sent when we send out notice of the meeting.

FBR.

exec. comm
April 20

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
April 20 - 21, 1956

April 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Discussion of Post-1957 Program of SRC

Reports —

Executive Director
Assistant Directors —
Information
State Organizations
Program

Secretary Treasurer

Review of Budget

Finance Committee

Board and Committee Membership - Resignations and Additions

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Limit Future Urban Meetings of Executive Committee meetings to one day?

Personnel Classifications

Possible White House Interest in SRC

Legal Fee arising from Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

April 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Report - Director of Women's Work

Other business

Selection of Counsel to replace Leonard Hass

Executive Session

Exec com mtg
7/20-21

April 23, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: G.S.A.

Just to remind you that letters should go to Dr. B. R. Brazeal, Atlanta and to Rev. Duncan Hunter, Alexander City, Alabama inviting them to serve on the Executive Committee. A letter should also go to Mr. Joseph Hass the newly elected counsel. The counsel also becomes a member of the Executive Committee.

rh

April 25, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

RE: Letter from C. H. Parrish

It seems to me that C. H. is merely recording anxiety which has some basis but probably not as much as he thinks. From my point of view, the answer is that we agree on the need for steadfast adherence to the 1951 policy statement, that the way to do this is through our continuous work with the State groups, and that central policy continues to be to do it.

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Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Fred:

I was very glad to see you at the Columbia meeting which helped me clear much of my thinking in this matter of approach. I don't believe a better staff could have been assembled. I am sorry we could not make the meeting last for several days instead of a few hours.

As I mentioned to you in Columbia, I suggest the cost for Penn entertaining the Executive Committee at $3.50 for three meals and lodging over night. Would you not like also for us to serve the noon meal Friday, since your meeting is to begin at 2:00 o'clock? This would be at one dollar extra per member, if we did.

While I feel that Penn is an excellent location for meetings and conferences yet it is somewhat inaccessible for inter-state groups. If several of the members plan to fly I could make arrangements to meet them in either Charleston or Savannah. In this case, I would suggest notifying the committee members that transportation would be leaving from Savannah (or Charleston) at a definite hour. We should leave at 11 o'clock to make a lunch at Frogmore at noon. (1 PM) However when you know the plane's schedule, it may be that departure from the airport could be set at an earlier hour.

Should you want me to meet the folk at the airport please let me know how many to expect and the hour. I am enclosing 20 folders which can be sent to the committee members. The folder gives a map and directions on how to get to Penn.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

CS:bbm

May 21, 1956

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

We have had acceptance of their election to the Executive Committee both from Mr. Brascal and from Duncan Hunter in Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: MAW

Exec. Com. Mtg. 7/20-21

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BY-LAWS

of the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated State organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members.

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or,

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in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting, following occurence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the assistant directors shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights.

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a.m. on the second Wednesday in November in

each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the

Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five (5) members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated State organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating: (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee, and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

Section 5. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the

same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Council. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Council. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Council or by such committee or officer as the Council may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the assistant directors need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4. Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies

of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.

Includes all revisions through November 9, 1955.

NOTE: AN ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER SENT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER

June 4, 1956

FILE COPY

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

We have done a corrected complete edition of the by-laws of SRC.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

NOTE: AN ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER TO EVERY STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(Exception - Tennessee)

✓ Chairman in Tenn. sent ltr as written to Board members. 6/5/56

June 4, 1956

FILE COPY

Dear _____

We have turned out a corrected and complete edition of the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council. Here's a copy.

We are sending a copy to each Board member which naturally includes your Chairman and your elected SRC Board Representative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 12, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The Executive Committee meets at Frogmore at St. Helena's Island, South Carolina (which is near Beaufort) on July 20-21.

Do come if you possibly can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

MEMO

June 20, 1956

TO: STAFF MEMBERS

FROM: G. S. ALEXANDER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on July 20-21, 1956, at the Penn Community Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina. The first session begins on Friday afternoon (July 20) at 2:00 P.M. There will also be an evening session on Friday, which will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will conclude with a session on Saturday morning (July 21), beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending about 12:30 P.M. Lodging will be provided at the Center.

You will be expected to attend this meeting.

Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. John Hope II
Mr. Harold Fleming
Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Mr. John Constable
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mr. George S. Mitchell
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

June 22, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot,
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on July 20-21, 1956, at the Penn Community Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina.

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Meeting and lodging quarters will be provided for at the Center.

We earnestly hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. As usual, the Council will assume expenses of members.

If you plan to use air or rail transportation, we would suggest that you have your trip terminate at Charleston, South Carolina, where we could make arrangements to have you met by someone. We would appreciate your making travel arrangements as early as possible and letting us know so that we might make the necessary arrangements.

Please indicate on the enclosed card whether or not you plan to attend this meeting; the expected time of arrival; the mode of transportation; and lodging requirements.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl.

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA 15, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 22, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Ave., NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Your letter of June 22 to Dr. Richardson regarding the next meeting of the Executive Council is received during his absence from the city.

Your correspondence will be brought to his attention immediately upon his return.

Very truly yours,

Herthal R. Davis

(Mrs.) Herthal R. Davis
Secretary to Dr. Richardson

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Same letter sent to: J. M. Dabbs
Albert W. Dent
John A. Griffin
Gordon B. Hancock
Harry V. Richardson
Father Shean
Carter Wesley
Josephine Wilkins
Paul D. Williams
H.R. Brazeal
Rev. Duncan Hunter
Joseph F. Haas

June 22, 1956

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on July 20-21, 1956, at the Penn Community Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina. We are enclosing a brochure which gives you information about the Center.

The first session begins on Friday afternoon (July 20) at 2:00 P.M. There will also be an evening session on Friday, which will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will conclude with a session on Saturday morning (July 21), beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending about 12:30 P.M.

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Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you plan to attend this meeting; the expected time of arrival; the mode of transportation; and lodging requirements.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encls.

June 25, 1956

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

Here comes the meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC, July 20-21, at thy fancy Conference Center.

Proposition: Would thee, for cash dollars (or a check) take and type up the Minutes of the meeting?

You know the whole line of business, and it seems a pity to tote somebody from hereabouts way over yonder, when thee is at the spot and knoweth what to do.

I do not mean that you would have to turn out a finished manuscript of Minutes. What you would do would be to type up great blobs of what you took down and then it becomes my duty, using your typing, to hook together a set of Minutes.

For discussion purposes I propose a fee of $35.00. Shove it up if need be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: RHA

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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GORDON B. HANCOCK, RICHMOND
VICE-PRESIDENT
ALBERT W. DENT, NEW ORLEANS
VICE-PRESIDENT
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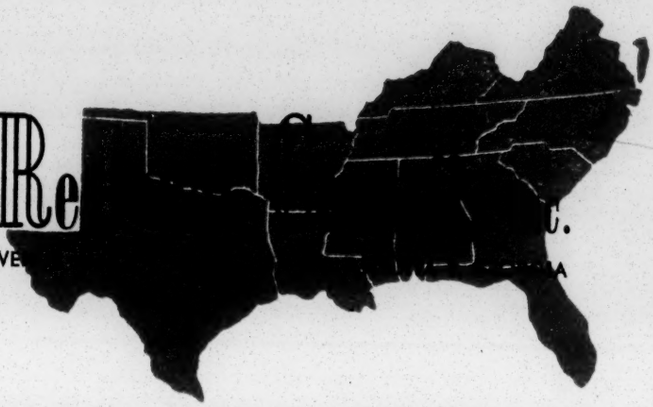
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
JOHN HOPE II, PROGRAM
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
C. H. PARRISH, STATE ORGANIZATIONS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
F. B. ROUTH, STATE ORGANIZATIONS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
MRS. M. E. TILLY
IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK
RUTH HOUSE ALEXANDER
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Southern Re[illegible]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE[illegible]



A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

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June 26, 1956

TO: STATE ORGANIZATIONS' PERSONNEL

FROM: MARION A. WRIGHT

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council at its meeting April 20-21, 1956, had for consideration the question of whether, in the event that a state staff person was put in a situation in which it was needful for him to employ Counsel, the Southern Regional Council would feel itself obligated to assist in payment of legal expenses.

The Executive Committee considered a desirable course of action and has caused its proposal to be reviewed by SRC's Counsel.

The decision is that the Executive Committee, without conceding any liability or legal obligation on the part of SRC, states that if a state staff member, because of his connection with a state organization or activities in its behalf, should become legally involved to the point that he felt he ought to have Counsel, he should submit his problem to the Executive Committee of the state organization in advance of employment of Counsel. The Executive Committee of the state organization would then take such action as it felt proper under the circumstances.

The Executive Committee of the state organizations would be free after consideration to refer the matter to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, with the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the state organization.

The suggested procedure should be followed in all cases except where an emergency may make it impossible to secure action by the appropriate Executive Committee or Committees in advance of employment of Counsel.

Less formally it may be stated that the Executive Committee of SRC feels that if a state staff member in the discharge of his duties and acting with proper discretion should require legal assistance, every effort should be made to extend appropriate help to him under the circumstances. However, it is seen that a staff member might sometimes act with such indiscretion that little or no responsibility would be felt by the appropriate Executive

Committee. And also question might arise as to whether an action was done in the course of the staff person's employment, or was the staff person's own personal enterprise.

What this obviously comes down to, then, is a suggestion to state organizations' staff members that, if they need Counsel for their defense, they endeavor to get the matter promptly before the Executive Committee of the state organization, and then if need be to have it referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council.

In emergency a shorter procedure would doubtless be favored. But the requirement for full information would certainly remain.

MAW/GSM:eab

Copy - GSA

June 26, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

We are in the process of making arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at your Center on July 20-21. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Friday afternoon (July 20) at 2:00 P. M. An evening session, beginning at 7:30 P. M., will also be held on Friday. The meeting will conclude with a Saturday morning session (9:00 A. M. - 12:30 P. M.)

As soon as we have heard from the persons who are expected to attend the meeting, we will send you detailed information as to the time of arrival, meals, accommodations, etc.

We look forward to having an enjoyable meeting at the Center.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

June 27, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting at the Penn Community Center on July 20 and 21.

We will make arrangements to have you met at the Charleston airport and get you back to the airport for your return trip. Several of us will have cars over at Frogmore. This will be no problem at all. It is about eighty-seven miles from Charleston to Frogmore. When your plans are more definite, you may advise me of your travel schedule.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 25, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am hopeful that I will be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting at the Penn Community Center on July 20 and 21. This will be a busy time for me here so in all probability I shall need to fly into Charleston. Would you please let me know how I might get from Charleston to the Penn Community Center and back.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

MEMBER UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

PENN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCORPORATED

St. Helena Island Frogmore, South Carolina

Courtney Siceloff
Director

June 28, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander,
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander,

Thank you for your letter of June 26 concerning the executive committee meeting to be held at Penn on July 20. We are expecting you and look forward to having the group come. We do greatly appreciate having the meeting scheduled here.

I hope that you can give me later an enumeration of the sexes and the couples planning to attend with the other information you mention in the letter.

Sincerely,

Courtney Siceloff

Courtney Siceloff

June 29, 1956

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

We are delighted!

If you have a dumb girl with little judgement, it is best to use a recording machine. If you have a smart girl with much judgment, it is best to use Miss Elizabeth. I will discuss with Alice what chance there will be of fetching her and/or Ellen (that's the only one at home now) to Frogmore, and will let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 5, 1956

Rev. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Reverend Hunter:

We are happy that you are planning to attend the Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21 at the Penn Community Center.

Accommodations for your wife and two daughters will be available at the Center. We will make the necessary arrangements with the Director of the Center.

The Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting. Since you are driving your car, you will be paid for mileage at the rate of six (6¢) cents per mile, plus any other expenses for meals and lodging enroute.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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First Methodist Church

ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA

DUNCAN HUNTER
MINISTER

SEMMES AND GREEN
STREETS

RES. ADAMS 4-2633

BUS. ADAMS 4-3331

July 2, 1956

Mr. G.S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I plan to attend the Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21 at Penn Community Center.

I will drive my car and arrive about noon.

My family will come with me (my wife and two girls, ages 6 a nd 9). I am wondering if there will be accomodations at the Penn Center for them. If not, then they will find a motel near by while I am in session with the Committee. Of course I will take care of their expenses in either case.

It is over 400 miles from here to Frogmore. This will probably necessitate a motel stop on the way. Since this is my first Executive Meeting, I am not familiar with the travel policy. Would you set me straight?

Sincerely yours,

Duncan Hunter

Duncan Hunter
Pres. Alabama Council

Exec. com. mtg.

July 6, 1956

RHA:

Elisabeth Siceloff at Frogmore has undertaken to do the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting July 20-21. We will have to pay her. I suggested to her $35.00 and said she could up it if need be.

That would be payment for taking the Minutes and making a rough type-up of most of what she took.

GSM will still have the usual job of polishing off a set of Minutes.

eab/

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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GORDON B. HANCOCK, RICHMOND
VICE-PRESIDENT
ALBERT W. DENT, NEW ORLEANS
VICE-PRESIDENT
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VICE-PRESIDENT
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HAROLD C. FLEMING, INFORMATION
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
MRS. G. T. HAMILTON, PROGRAM
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
C. H. PARRISH, STATE ORGANIZATIONS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
F. B. ROUTH, STATE ORGANIZATIONS
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IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK
KATHERINE STONEY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

July 8, 1956

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Dear George:

I regret that it seems entirely unlikely that I will be able to make the Frogmore meeting of the Executive Committee. On Wednesday I am to move Mrs. Wright from a Winston-Salem hospital, where she has been some weeks, to Memorial in New York. I will be there for such length of time as to make the Frogmore meeting quite doubtful. This will be the first SRC meeting of any kind I have ever missed.

With reference to the meeting, I am sure you will have two points in mind:

1. All papers to be before the members, including agenda, treasurer's report and other written reports, should be in the hands of members before they go to Frogmore.

2. These should also include tentative draft of proposal to FFR which at the last meeting the staff was directed to prepare.

If I should not make it, please express my regrets to the Committee.

My address in New York, effective July 11, will be The Taft Hotel, 50th St. at Seventh Ave. If you or any other staff personnel happen to be in the city please arrange a rendezvous. It would do me good!

M. C. W.

etter sent: Mr. Carter Wesley (AIR)
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams (AIR)

Copy: GSA

July 12, 1956

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

So far we have not heard from you in regards to your being able to attend the Executive Committee meeting at Frogmore, South Carolina on July 20-21, 1956. Please let us hear from you.

We do hope that you will find time to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

AIR MAIL

July 16, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

The following persons are planning to attend the Executive Committee Meeting:

Mr. George S. Mitchell, wife and daughter
Rev. Duncan Hunter, wife and two small daughters
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dabbs
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander
Father Maurice V. Shean
Mr. Paul Christopher
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Harold Fleming
Mr. Fred Routh
Mr. John Constable
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. G. S. Alexander

All of these persons plan to arrive at Frogmore before noon on Friday (July 20). These people will want to have lunch at the Center.

There may be one or two more persons who will come to the meeting.

Mr. Brazeal and possibly two others will fly into Charleston from Atlanta on Friday morning via Delta Air Lines' Flight # 470, arriving at 9:11 A. M. They desire to be met by someone. We hope that you can make arrangements to take care of this for us since the other persons from Atlanta will drive to Frogmore. They will not be coming through Charleston. If you cannot make arrangements to meet them, please call us collect (WAlnut 7963).

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

July 16, 1956

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Box 652
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

We have reviewed your letter of July 6th which contained the four proposals. We realize that it is difficult at this time to raise funds for an organization which seeks compliance with the Supreme Court decision. Yet we note that other state organizations have Boards of Directors or Finance Committees which have assumed the responsibility of raising funds -- and have done so. Virginia, which is not unlike North Carolina, is well along the way toward meeting its quota. Georgia, which is a more difficult state in which to work, has all but completed its financial quota for this fiscal year.

It would seem then that the difficulty in North Carolina is due to a considerable degree to the lack of responsibility on the part of the Board in setting up functioning committees.

In point four, you ask that the Southern Regional Council make such waivers and adjustments in its prescribed basis for granting funds to the North Carolina Council as would enable the Council to remain solvent and to continue operations for a third year. We have a commitment with the Fund for the Republic regarding the raising of "matching" sums of money by the Southern Regional Council and by each of its state affiliates. It is this agreement which sets out the raising of such sums as prerequisites for the next year's grant.

We can understand the feelings of the Executive Committee and the anxiety of the staff. Yet it must be said that both understood this arrangement when they undertook the responsibility of developing and maintaining an efficient human relations agency in the state of North Carolina.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council is going to review financial matters, including how the states stack up and proposed disbursements for next year. The difficulties which certain of the state organizations have fallen into will be discussed at that time.

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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July 16, 1956

FILE COPY

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

In preparation for the meeting at St. Helena's July 20-21, we send you certain customary information. Also a first tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic asking for help after the present grant is through.

All items by way of enabling speedier discussion at St. Helena's.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina
July 20 - 21, 1956

July 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P. M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Reports

- Executive Director
- Assistant Directors
  - Information
  - State Organizations
  - Program
- Director of Women's Work
- Secretary-Treasurer

Review of Budget

Finance Committee

Friday Evening, 7:30 P. M.

Board and Committee Membership - Resignations and Additions

Nominating Committee Announcement

Amendments to By-Laws

Changes in Methods of Financial Assistance

Review of Action re: Legal Aid to State Staff People

Review of State Laws Affecting Voluntary Organizations

July 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A. M.

Annual Meeting at Tuskegee, November 14, 1956

Other Business

Executive Session

FIRST TRIAL DRAFT OF A LETTER TO F FOR R
BEGGING MONEY FOR POST-1957

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Perforce we begin to think about our fundless days which begin October 1, 1957.

I am quite aware of the firm language which you used, and which the fund's letter of grant of April 2, 1954 used, to the effect that the Fund for the Republic had no notion of helping the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the three and a half years during which the Fund's grants were prospectively to run.

Yet the job isn't done, and we aren't strong enough to stand alone.

It needs be clear that I Mitchell am not one to argue for a perpetual Southern Regional Council. I have thought all along that each Southern state should have a strong statewide agency in human relations, hooked to some National congeries of such agencies; and that we should all get over thinking of the South as forever queer, requiring special, different treatment. I voice this view repeatedly in SRC's Board meetings, and each time am cried down: "That may be very well in some long run, but for the next few years we have to have a Southern Regional Council." With that limited need I agree. I say three more years.

THE STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Six and possibly seven of the state organizations we have helped can be expected to come through as intended, and be self-sustaining, or almost entirely so, after October, 1957. Some of them will cut down their staffs, but this many can live practically alone, and deepen their local roots. Here are these agencies, and the figures that make us feel they are safe:

Draft - 2
David Freeman:

ALL RIGHT	AMOUNT RAISED 10/55 - 6/30/56	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 7/1/56
Virginia	$3,331.00	547
Kentucky	717.00	233
Florida	1,318.00	331
Texas	1,737.00	201
Arkansas	814.00	148
South Carolina	2,337.00	399
Georgia	3,332.00	628
Alabama	2,283.00	485
CIE ARLY WEAK:		
Mississippi	1,005.00	252
Tennessee	937.00	201
WOBBLY:		
North Carolina	1,588.00	471
Louisiana	1,823.00	264

We would like to be able to help the weak and the wobblers with up to four or five thousand dollars a year for the next three years. That would average out at $25,000 a year for the state organizations. We wouldn't covenant to help each equally each year (as we have done until quite lately with the current grant). We would tailor-make each State's aid to its carefully assessed need. And we would feel free to help even the strong ones with a hundred here and there.

Draft - 3
David Freeman

For the central office there's a choice of three plans:

Type One. A paymaster and an inspector and a clerk, and a little for travel and rent money and supplies and postage. Cost $24,000 a year.

Type Two. Minimum coordination. A head-man, a Secretary-Treasurer, a field man, an information man. This would let us get out a magazine somehow, travel to the states, tie them together a little, do little or nothing of our present job of interpreting change to the nation. Cost $50,000 a year.

Type Three: Workable coordination. Better-paid people, more clerks, continue to work with the Church Women, travel more, keep on being port of lading for national inquirers. Cost $70,000 a year.

Budget-Type One	
Director	$8,000
Sec'y-Treas	5,000
Clerk	3,000
Travel	4,000
Rent, etc.	3,000
Board	1,000
Total	$24,000

Budget-Type Two	
Director	$8,000
Sec'y-Treas	5,000
Clerks	6,000
Field man	7,000
Information	7,000
Research (includes clerical)	7,000
Rent, etc.	4,300
Board	1,500
Travel	5,000
Total	$50,800

Budget-Type Three	
Director	$10,000
Sec'y Treas.	5,000
Clerks	9,000
Field man	8,000
Information	8,000
Research (includes clerical)	7,000
Dir. of Wm's Wk. & Program	10,000
Travel	6,000
Rent, etc.	5,100
Board	1,500
Total	$69,600

Draft - 4
David Freeman

SRC's OWN MONEY-RAISING

This whole proposal is grounded on the idea that at least six of the state organizations would raise all or practically all of their own money. That's on the order of $13,000 a year apiece. Total about $75,000 a year.

It also expects six state organizations to raise most of their own money; about $50,000 a year.

Which is a self-raised amount of $125,000 a year for each of three years. All in, $375,000. From the states alone.

Now turn to the central office. It can raise around $35,000 a year, by staff efforts. If the Fund for the Republic would put in $20,000 a year for each of three years that's $55,000. It would be possible to stop at that, and finance a Type Two office. I recommend that SRC's Board be charged with raising enough more, by its own efforts, (at least $15,000), to stretch up to the Type Three budget.

REVIEW OF REQUEST AND FORECAST:

Three years more of aid.

States to raise $125,000 a year. Fund for the Republic to put in for the states, $25,000 a year.

Central office to raise $50,000 a year. Fund for the Republic would put in $20,000 a year.

For three years, totals

SRC to raise $525,000

Fund for the Republic to put in $135,000

Draft - 5
David Freeman:

We are exceedingly grateful for the rich, and we think rewarding contribution, which the Fund for the Republic has made to the support of equal protection of the laws in the South. We acknowledge that we all hoped that three and a half years of help would be enough. We find that it won't be enough, and we ask for this modest terminal grant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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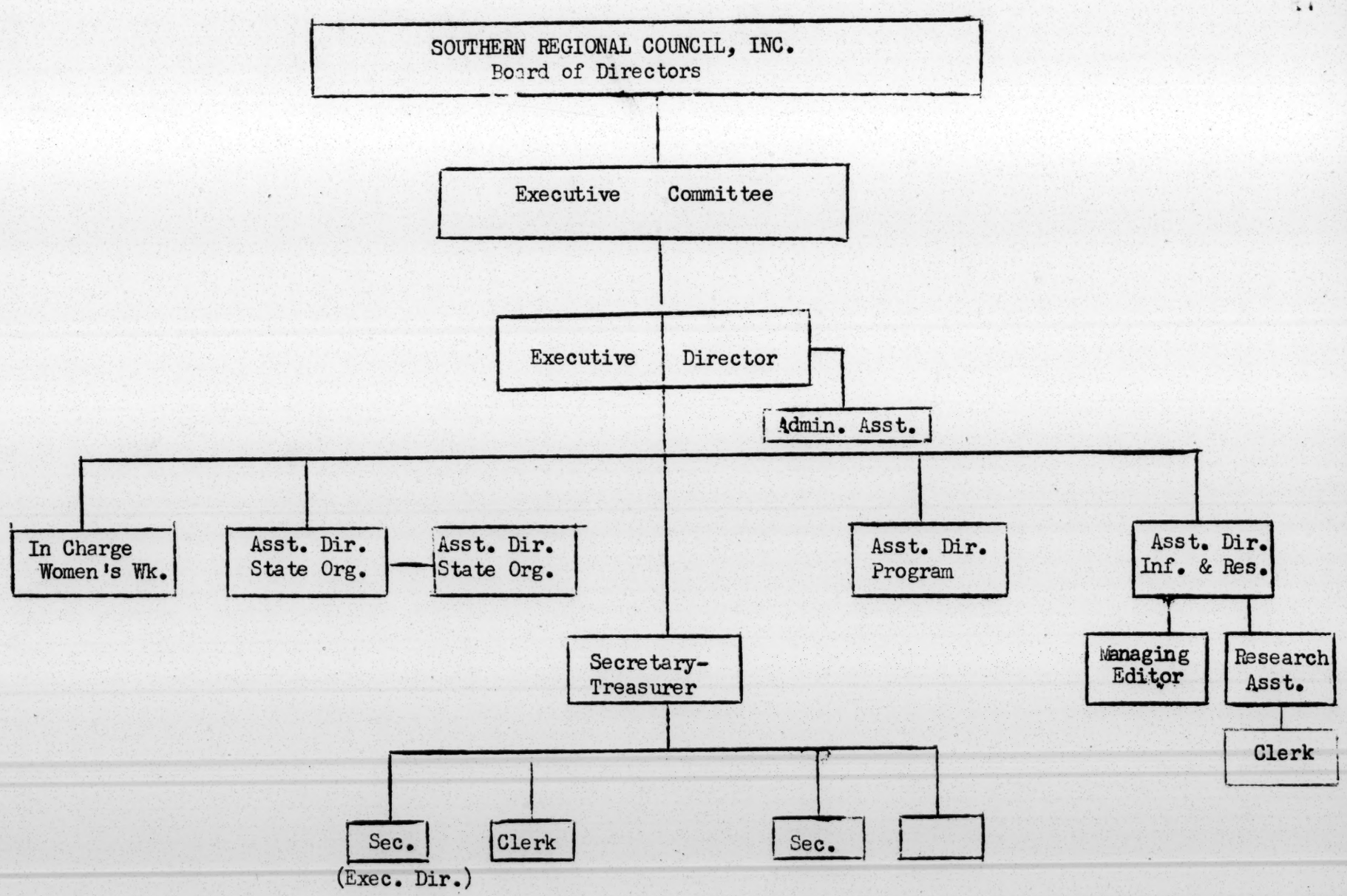
7/16/56


SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors
Executive Committee
Executive Director
Admin. Asst.
In Charge Women's Wk.
Asst. Dir. State Org.
Asst. Dir. State Org.
Asst. Dir. Program
Asst. Dir. Inf. & Res.
Managing Editor
Research Asst.
Clerk
Secretary-Treasurer
Sec.
(Exec. Dir.)
Clerk
Sec.

LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF WITH PRESENT SALARY RATE AND SCHEDULE OF DUTIES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF - FULL TIME

	SALARY RATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - George S. Mitchell	$ 10,000.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH - Harold C. Fleming (See attached sheet for duties)	7,000.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Frederick B. Routh (See attached sheet for duties)	7,000.00 per year
IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK - Mrs. M. E. Tilly (See attached sheet for duties)	5,250.00 per year
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Ruth House Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - G. S. Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	6,000.00 per year
MANAGING EDITOR OF NEW SOUTH - John Constable, Jr. (See attached sheet for duties)	5,000.00 per year
RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Florence B. Irving (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year

PART-TIME

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - C. H. Parrish (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day

TEMPORARY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM - John Hope II (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day
CONSULTANT--INFORMATION AND RESEARCH (Special Fact-Finding Project) - Mrs. Margaret Price	27.00 per day

4/18/56

CLERICAL STAFF-FULL-TIME

	SALARY RATE
SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley Handles all correspondence and arrangements for the Executive Director, handles all correspondence files and does some steno work for other members of the professional staff.	$ 3,100.00 per year
SECRETARY TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF -- Mary Elizabeth Friedman Handles correspondence and arrangements for Assistant Directors and person in Charge of Women's Work.	3,000.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Frances Carnes Handles correspondence for Administrative Assistant and Secretary-Treasurer. Handles present details regarding Council membership, New South circulation and sale of literature. Does other mimeographing and typing. Serves as receptionist.	2,700.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Mrs. Yvonne Southall Bankston Performs general clerical work for the Research Assistant which includes typing of correspondence and reports; assist in obtaining of clippings from periodicals and newspapers; filing and classification of clippings; filing of pamphlet materials; and servicing some of the requests for information.	2,700.00 per year

LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF
WITH SALARY RATE AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Executive Director - $10,000. per year

Assistant Director for Information and Research - $7,000. per year

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine, New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council. This official has direction and control of the Managing Editor and the Research Assistant.

Assistant Director for State Organization (2 persons) - $7,000. per year

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy. To originate programs of activities suitable for each state and to attempt to secure adoption and execution of such programs.

Assistant Director for Program -

Using an extensive knowledge of community programs and Southern movements, under the supervision of the Executive Director and with the cooperation of the Assistant Director for State Organizations and assistance from other staff members, to coordinate the training of state staff personnel and their boards and program committee members in program design, development and execution. To recruit highly skilled professional persons to serve as consultants in such training programs. To develop standardized criteria for evaluating effectiveness of state programs. To use such criteria in evaluating program in the states. In cooperation with the rest of the professional staff, under the supervision of the Executive Director, to originate and develop suitable program activities for the central office.

In Charge of Women's Work - $5,000. per year

To administer, in conformity with the broad policy of the Southern Regional Council, a program relating activities of individual Church women and of Church groups to the concerns of the Southern Regional Council. The program with the Church women and with other Church bodies is to have a high degree of autonomy as befits a relationship with Church connected bodies.

To travel widely to gatherings of Church people; to be in frequent contact personally and by correspondence with organizational leaders in the various denominational groups; to prepare releases and special publications for use by these bodies; and to assist with advice and information to various Church programs akin to the purposes of the Southern Regional Council. In addition, and specifically, to assist the Fellowship of the Concerned or any similar special organization of its kind.

To promote state or regional meetings of women, whether church connected or not, with a view of enlisting their aid in support of the Council's activities.

Secretary-Treasurer - $4,000. per year

Central Office - The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for all bookkeeping records including receipts, disbursements, payroll and tax records with filing of tax forms and payment of taxes; for all banking of Council's money; for purchases of office supplies and equipment and for payment of all the Council's obligations including checking of invoices and preparation of checks. With the help of auditor makes finance reports to Fund for the Republic and to SRC Executive Committee.

She also keeps permanent records of the Council, including records of Board membership, minutes of meeting and all matters pertaining to SRC members and associates. She is also responsible for New South circulation and for filling orders and keeping records on sale of literature. She is responsible for office management, supervision of clerical assistants and for providing clerical and stenographic held needed by the professional staff including employment of such people as may be needed, subject to approval by the Executive Director.

Under the state organizations' set up she will be responsible for payrolls for these employees, for working with them on their budgets for office and travel needs, and for obtaining and reporting on their monthly finance reports to the Council as well as their New South circulation.

At the present time the Secretary-Treasurer has the help of one clerical assistant.

Administrative Assistant - $6,000. per year

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director shall establish and supervise accounting procedures; handle all insurance matters, including guarding against lapses or under-insurance; prepare fiscal analysis and reports needed by staff or committees or the Board; prepare and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Committee proposed budgets, and reports showing fiscal operations and status pursuant to budgets as finally adopted; and upon request advise and consult with the state organizations on purchasing, fiscal, budgetary, and accounting matters.

The Administrative Assistant shall perform his duties under the direction of the Executive Director.

Managing Editor of New South - $5,000.

Assist the Assistant Director for Information and Research in the information program with special reference to preparation of New South; also the preparation of other publications of the Council, contact with the press, interviewing of journalists and other visitors interested in the work of the Council and working with directors of state affiliates of the Council on their information program.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

Research Assistant - $4,000. per year

To perform such fact-finding and research as may be required. To assemble, classify, and maintain reference files drawn from newspaper reports, periodicals, Census publications, and other reference materials. To handle mail requests for information. To conduct occasional mail surveys of race relations practices in such fields as municipal employment, professional associations, public libraries, and recreation facilities. To provode technical assistance to community self-surveys. To write occasional articles for New South.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

1/10/56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenses as of June 30, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 6/30/56	Percent of Budget realized
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 8,885.00	63.4
Dues	500.00	311.00	62.2
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	5,016.67	83.6
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	1,215.32	40.5
Honoraria	1,000.00	959.80	95.9
Interest Income	800.00	1,587.00	198.3
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended Balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	$ 57,574.79	88.7
*Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180.00	14,150.00	59.9
Sub Total	$ 93,080.00	$ 71,724.79	77.0
Special Project - Fund for the Republic		1,000.00	
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 72,724.79	

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 6/30/56	Percent of Budget Expended
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	$ 46,933.81	76.1
Social Security Tax	800.00	581.87	72.7
Travel	7,500.00	6,483.34	86.4
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	5,463.52	84.0
Printing other	2,000.00	822.59	41.1
Rent	1,680.00	1,260.00	75.0
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	2,199.10	87.9
Postage	2,000.00	698.75	34.4
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	342.63	114.2
Accounting fees	500.00	355.00	71.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	397.79	132.5
Office Supplies	2,900.00	1,422.90	49.0
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs.	2,000.00	1,517.97	75.8
Special Mtgs. in connection with Women's Work	2,500.00	586.89	23.4
Sub-Total	$ 93,080.00	$ 69,066.16	74.2
Special Project - Printing		1,004.22	
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 70,070.38	

*Includes $5,000.00 from unexpended State Funds

7/13/56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$ 93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$ 31,167.00	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry-over from Duke and Field Funds (1954-55)	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$ 75,667.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 7/13/56	6,495.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$ 82,162.00
Balance to be covered by unexpended State Funds, etc.		$ 10,918.00

*Amount raised to date:

(1) The Marshall Field Foundation	$ 3,750.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small foundations	400.00
Labor organizations	2,875.00
Small organizations	110.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	2,570.00
Board Members	1,521.00
Individual Contributions	1,509.00
Associate Members	331.00
New South Subscriptions	5,322.00
Honoraria	906.00
Interest	1,587.00
Sale of Literature	1,232.00
TOTAL	$ 31,167.00

**Amount expectable:

New South	$ 795.00
Honoraria	100.00
Board Members	100.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of Literature	100.00
Small foundations	600.00
Labor organizations	4,500.00
TOTAL	$ 6,495.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

July 13, 1956

Atlanta, Georgia
July 12, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 inclusive.

The following Exhibits and schedules, together with comments, are shown below:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Financial Condition, June 30, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Operating Fund
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations.
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned.
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
SCHEDULE 3- Schedule of Contributions

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $18,723.78
Cash In Bank - Special Projects - $29,699.93

All recorded receipts were checked with bank deposits, and all disbursements, which were made by check, were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at June 30, 1956 were confirmed by correspondence with the respective banks.

State Organizations - Savings - $49,650.00

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations program, and are invested in short-term U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,805.00

This represents funds invested in U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by the bank holding them for safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2520.14

This is the total of withholding taxes and Old-Age Benefit taxes for both the central office and State Organizations for June, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $640.48

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D shows the changes in the Fellowship of the Concerned Fund for the period.

Advance Appropriations - $99,500.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic pertains to the next three months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers six months, and the New World Foundation advance covers seven months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central office of $32,973.17, which includes transfers from Citizens Trust Company, $7,000.00 of unexpended State Organizations' 1955-56 funds, and $20,000.00 of Fact-Finding Program funds to First National checking account. Surplus at the end of June, 1956 is $16,383.88 less than at March 31, 1956.

In our opinion, the attached Statement of Financial Conditions and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at June 30, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-month period ended at that date.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)		$ 18,723.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch. 2)		29,699.93	
State Organizations - Savings		49,650.00	
Accounts Receivable - Literature		80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets		1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings		29,805.00	
Total Assets			$ 129,188.71

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,520.14	
Georgia Sales Tax		2.01	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission of Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	299.41	640.48	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	37,500.00		
Fact-Finding Program	45,000.00		
New World Foundation	17,000.00	99,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 102,662.63
Surplus			26,526.08
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 129,188.71

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (See Schedule 3)	$ 2,645.00		
Members Dues	80.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,948.17		
Sale of Literature	647.88		
Honoraria	652.12		
Transfer from State Organizations:			
Unexpended 1955-56 State Organization Funds	7,000.00		
Fact-Finding Checking account	20,000.00	$ 32,973.17	
Balance in Bank April 1, 1956		14,378.09	
Total To Be Accounted For			$ 47,351.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	17,062.20	
Travel	1,981.38	
Printing - other than New South	639.06	
Printing and Postage - New South	2,018.62	
Rent	420.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	790.09	
Postage	124.83	
Consultants Fees	70.00	
Special Projects - Printing	1,004.22	
Special Services	35.50	
Accounting Services	50.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	254.17	
Books and Subscriptions	113.54	
Georgia Sales Tax	5.98	
Office Supplies	316.92	
Social Security Taxes	315.87	
Fact-Finding Program	3,418.10	
Miscellaneous	7.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 28,627.48
Balance June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

New World Foundation	$ 17,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Certificates	39,759.60	
Interest Income	773.10	$ 57,532.70
Balance April 1, 1956		66,167.64
Total to be Accounted For		$ 123,700.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	29,719.78	
Consultants Fees	1,474.80	
Travel	42.95	
Local Expenses	1,600.00	
Consultants Training Program	1,010.05	
Irene Osborne	637.21	
John Hope II	2,655.45	
Social Security Taxes	587.41	
Liability Insurance	108.24	
Transfer to Central Office	27,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 64,835.89
Balance, June 30, 1956		$ 58,864.45

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 29,059.45
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,805.00
	$ 58,864.45

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1956	$ 413.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel Expense	113.70
Balance, June 30, 1956	$ 299.41

EXHIBIT D

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Central Office

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
June 30, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 21,891.56
Less Checks Outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
60	$ 15.65	
62	7.79	
64	22.36	
73	1.10	
75	235.43	
76	2.00	
77	213.10	
78	397.33	
79	270.45	
80	245.24	
81	185.67	
82	175.26	
83	204.10	
84	138.43	
85	103.19	
86	138.43	
87	104.80	
88	94.95	
89	118.08	
90	204.10	
91	219.10	
92	39.22	
93	30.00	
95	2.00	3,167.78
Balance per books June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

SCHEDULE I

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Special Projects

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
June 30, 1956

Balance per bank statement				$ 35,088.30
Less Checks Outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
2842	$ 58.71	3063	$ 98.19	
2895	118.01	3064	88.19	
2984	100.00	3065	182.26	
3005	88.19	3066	187.26	
3029	6.92	3068	177.26	
3030	455.00	3069	182.26	
3038	21.78	3070	83.19	
3041	32.75	3071	187.26	
3042	11.70	3072	172.26	
3043	24.57	3073	102.09	
3044	20.00	3074	182.26	
3045	182.26	3075	83.19	
3046	84.80	3076	92.80	
3047	182.26	3078	250.00	5,388.37
3048	197.26			
3049	82.79			
3050	192.26			
3051	177.26			
3052	88.19			
3053	182.26			
3054	100.17			
3055	109.80			
3056	187.26			
3058	88.19			
3059	182.26			
3060	84.80			
3061	172.26			
3062	88.19			
Balance per books June 30, 1956				$ 29,699.93

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Contributions
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

INDIVIDUALS	$ 1,265.00	$ 1,265.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Automobile Workers, International Union	1,000.00	
Consolidated Charities of LeMoyne College	10.00	1,010.00
CHURCHES:		
Division of National Missions of the Board of the Methodist Church	250.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	270.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL	$ 2,645.00

SCHEDULE 3

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

7/17/56

GSA:

GSM would like you to have a copy (or copies) of the last quarterly report to the Board handy at the E.C. meeting at Frogmore, and at least one reserve copy of the previous quarter's report.

July 18, 1956

FHR:

On your report to the Executive Committee, I get along happily until I come to the last part, beginning at mid-page 5. I am still not satisfied that the Louisiana Council on Human Relations escapes the statute which requires report of membership. Why does it?

The last sentence of all, on page 6, gives the impression that all our state offices are complying with all relevant state statutes. I don't believe Louisiana is, do you?

eab/

July Mtg. Executive Committee

MAW's ltr 4/23/56 about procedure re SRC assumption in whole or in part of legal fees of central or state staff personnel. Attach reply from Joseph Haas and give to Executive Committee for its action.

"Final Executive Session of the Executive Committee meeting on April 21st said that at the next meeting of the Executive Committee they proposed to take action as stated in letter of April 23rd subject to approval meanwhile of Counsel."

FILE COPY

JOSEPH F. HAAS
1116 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

May 14, 1956.

attached

RECEIVED MAY 15 1956

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This is the first opportunity I have had to reply to yours of the 4th. It appears to me that the matter has been handled in a very careful and entirely legal manner, and I can see no reason why the action incorporated in the proposal should not be implemented as suggested, at the July meeting.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Joseph F. Haas

JOSEPH F. HAAS

FILE COPY

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

May 4, 1956

FILE COPY

Mr. Joseph Haas - Counsel
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The President of the Council, Mr. Marion A. Wright, has addressed to me a letter on a point requiring legal scrutiny.

I state first the problem out of which the matter arises. Mr. Guy Wells, Executive Director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, as you will recall had his title of President Emeritus of GSCW removed by the Board of Regents, and the State Board of Education simultaneously moved against his right to be in receipt of pension from the state. After seeking informal legal advice and after conference with myself and other staff persons within the SRC, he engaged for his defense the services of a Decatur attorney. The Decatur attorney put time and effort into the defense and the Retirement Board held that the State Board of Education had no power to proceed against the pension. Subsequently Mr. Wells was billed an attorney's fee which seemed quite reasonable to all concerned. Some two-thirds of this fee was forthwith paid to the attorney by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. Mr. Wells then approached the Southern Regional Council through me to see whether it would care to pay the remaining third of the fee.

I put the matter before the Executive Committee of SRC (at its meeting April 20-21) and the Executive Committee said it would not care to assume the obligation. Some of the matters discussed were: the problem of tax-exemption; the precedent involved; the question of whether some portion of the cost of defense was not properly personal; and the ex post facto quality in the request. But the Executive Committee meeting in Executive Session evidentally thought the precedent was unduly tight. And the President of SRC informs me that at the Executive Session it was proposed to take the following action at the next (July) meeting of the Executive Committee, subject to the approval meanwhile of Counsel:

A letter would be addressed, presumably by the president, to all staff members of the central office stating that, without conceding any liability or legal obligation on the part of SRC, if a staff member, because of his connection with this organization or activities in its behalf, should become legally involved to the point that he felt he should have counsel, he should submit his problem to the Executive Committee in advance of employment of counsel. The Executive Committee would then take such action as it felt proper under the circumstances.

A similar letter would go to staff members of all state affiliates with the qualification that the agrieved member should submit his problem to the state Executive Committee, which, after consideration, would refer the matter to Atlanta with its recommendation.

The suggested procedure should be followed in all cases except where an emergency made it impossible to secure action by our Executive Committee in advance of employment of counsel.

In further elucidation of the matter, the President of the Southern Regional Council writes:

For your information, the Committee felt that if a staff member in the discharge of his duties and acting with proper discretion, should be set upon by the law, we should like to be of all help possible to him in the circumstances. However, we can see that a staff member might sometimes act with such indiscretion that we would not feel the same sense of responsibility. Also, the question may always arise as to whether his action was one done in the course of his employment or was his own personal enterprise. These contigencies seem to make it inadvisable to make the bald statement of policy that we will or will not help under certain circumstances.

I would be extremely grateful if you would give us your advice as to whether the proposal made above (mainly the language beginning "a letter should be addressed," through "employment of counsel,") if adopted as procedure would be legally approved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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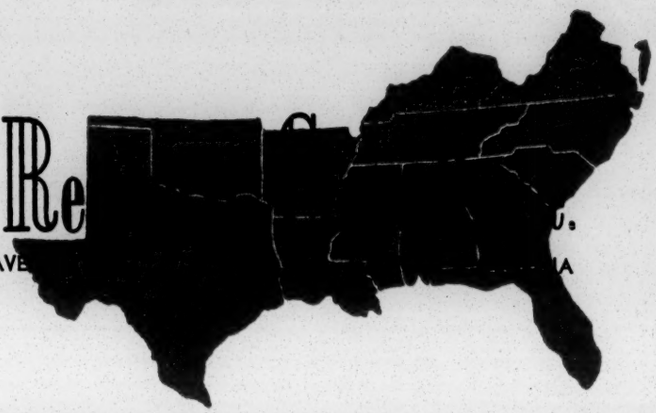
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
MRS. M. E. TILLY
IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK
KATHERINE STONEY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Southern Re
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE



A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

April 23, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

FILE COPY

Dear George:

At Executive session of the Executive Committee on Saturday it was proposed to take the following action at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, subject to approval meanwhile of our counsel:

A letter would be addressed, presumably by the president, to all staff members of the central office stating that, without conceding any liability or legal obligation on the part of SRC, if a staff member, because of his connection with this organization or activities in its behalf, should become legally involved to the point that he felt that he should have counsel, he should submit his problem to the Executive Committee in advance of employment of counsel. The Executive Committee would then take such action as it felt proper under the circumstances.

A similar letter would go to staff members of all state affiliates with the qualification that the agrieved member should submit his problem to the state Executive Committee, which, after consideration, would refer the matter to Atlanta with its recommendation.

The suggested procedure should be followed in all cases except where an emergency made it impossible to secure action by our Executive Committee in advance of employment of counsel.

Will you please submit to our counsel the procedure above outlined and get his views as to whether or not he sees any legal danger to us in following this plan.

For your information, the Committee felt that if a staff member, in the discharge of his duties and acting with proper discretion, should be set upon by the law, we should like to be of all help possible to him in the circumstances. However we can see that a staff member might sometimes act with such indiscretion that we would not feel the same sense of responsibility. Also, the question may always arise as to whether his action was one done in the course of his employment or was his own personal enterprise. Th~~ough~~ese contigencies seem to make it inadvisable to make the bald statement of policy that we will or will not help under certain circumstances.

When you have secured the views of counsel, you should make a note to see that this matter is on the agenda at the next meeting.

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The Penn board has a proposal before the Fund For The Republic. My name is not attached to the proposal, though I am a well wisher to it. If the Fund should refer the matter to you for your opinion, I should like the opportunity of writing you pretty fully exactly what the board has in mind.

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I thought the recent meeting of the Executive Committee was quite helpful. Mr. Wesley contributed a great deal. I am hopeful that no member of the Committee was offended at my recent letter regarding attendance.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. W.

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

cc: GSA
Dr. Clement

Same letter sent:
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. John Griffin
Dr. Albert W. Dent

August 21, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

According to the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21, 1956, you were selected as a member of a five-member special committee to make a study of qualified personnel to succeed Dr. Mitchell as Executive Director.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, who is chairman of this committee, is asking the group to meet on Thursday, September 20, 1956, at 3:00 P. M., in the President's office at Atlanta University. The office is located in the Administration Building at 223 Chestnut Street, S.W.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mcf

Gabe,

You would be well advised to send precautionarilly(sp?) a copy of this letter to MAW at his Taft Hotel, N.Y., address.

GSM

9/15/56

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

~~"Liz, what shall I do with these things?"~~

July 27, 1956

GSA:

Please get earliest word to Paul Williams of settled-upon date of meeting.

GSM/eab

hope all is well at
I believe to be
the best place for
Jules & question
makes mean
we should
discuss. OK?
Eab

cc: GSA

Sept. Other
Commitments

July 27, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I found when I got back that our people had sent out a letter to you asking your views on when the September meeting should be.

Easy thing to do would be to try for some days to hold all of the dates mentioned, and we will do our best to get immediate word back to you as to dates all clamped upon.

Mighty nice to be with you last evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

GEORGE MEANY, PRESIDENT
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Exec. Comm. Sept. 21

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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REGION NO. 8, PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, DIRECTOR
216 FLATIRON BUILDING
705 BROADWAY, N. E.
KNOXVILLE 17, TENNESSEE
2-6780

August 1, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Upon my return to the office today my secretary handed me a note she had written pursuant to your telephone call on July 30.

This note is to the effect that she was to advise me you had called to say Dr. Mitchell had completed the necessary arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the SRC Board of Directors at Williamsburg, Virginia, and that the dates are November 14 and 15, 1956. I am very happy Dr. Mitchell was able to successfully negotiate these arrangements.

Kindly advise when the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Atlanta as soon as you know. As far as I know at this time either September 14-15 or 21-22 will be satisfactory with me; at least either of the two dates is as good as any other in terms of my ability to attend. Very recent developments in terms of my work are such that I am beginning to have grave doubts that I can get away any time between the middle of August and end of September, but we shall see.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Christopher

Paul R. Christopher

PRC:me

OMNIA OMNIBUS

The Oratory

ROCK HILL
SOUTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 3, 1956

Gen. Comm. Sept. 21

Rec'd 8/6/56

MR. G. S. ALEXANDER
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR MR. ALEXANDER,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOTE OF THE 25TH.

AT THE PRESENT MOMENT I SEE NO REASON TO PREFER ONE DATE OF THE TWO SUGGESTED TO THE OTHER, ALTHOUGH I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I HAD RATHER COME TO THE MEETING IF IT WERE ON THE 21ST AND 22ND.

IF, HOWEVER, THE 14TH AND 15TH IS DECIDED, I SHALL BE ABLE TO BE THERE ALSO. WITH EVERY BEST PERSONAL WISH,

SINCERELY YOURS,

Maurice V. Shean c

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS/EGM

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Exec. Comm. Sept 21

August 2, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In reply to your letter of July 25, please be advised that I will not be available for an Executive Committee meeting in Atlanta on September 14 and 15, but can attend an Atlanta meeting on September 21 and 22. I will appreciate a note from you as soon as the date has been firmly fixed.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus E. Clement

REC:d

MEMBER UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

August 2, 1956

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Exec Comm. Sept 21

Mr. G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I will be able to meet with the Executive Committee on September 14-15. I have serious doubts about my being able to meet with the Committee on September 21-22.

I certainly want to attend this meeting because I know how much planning will have to be done to help safeguard the future of the Southern Regional Council.

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Brazeal

B. R. Brazeal
Dean

BRB:h

GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ATLANTA 15, GEORGIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Exec. comm. Sept. 21

July 27, 1956.

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In reply to your letter of July 25, I prefer September 21-22 for the meeting of the Executive Committee. I can attend on those dates.

If the meeting is held on the 14th and 15th, I can attend for part time.

Yours sincerely,

Harry V. Richardson

Harry V. Richardson

HVR:s

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

agree comm 1
Sept. 21

July 27, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

If the Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for September 21 and 22 I can attend. September 14 and 15 come in the middle of our Freshman Week activities and registration, a time at which I must be on the campus.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

MEMBER UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Southern [redacted]il, Inc.
63 AUBURN [redacted] 3, GEORGIA

Exec. comm. Sept. 21

July 25, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

At the recent Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21 the members present voted to have a special meeting of the Committee in September, 1956. This meeting will be held in Atlanta.

The dates suggested for the meeting are September 14-15 or September 21-22. The dates fall on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Please let us know by return mail which of the above dates is more convenient for you. Urgent and pressing problems in regards to the future of the Southern Regional Council will be discussed at this meeting and your presence will be needed.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

It doesn't make any difference. Just let me know as soon as possible which date to save.

J. M. Dabbs

Southern [redacted]cil, Inc.
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Exec. Comm. Sept. 21

July 25, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

At the recent Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21, the members present voted to have a special meeting of the Committee in September, 1956. The meeting will be held in Atlanta.

The dates suggested for the meeting are September 14-15 or September 21-22. The dates fall on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Please let us know by return mail which of the above dates is more convenient for you. Urgent and pressing problems in regard to the future of the Southern Regional Council will be discussed and your presence will be needed.

OK

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Same letter sent:

cc: GSA

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Paul Christopher
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Albert W. Dent
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Joseph Haas
Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Father Shean
Mr. Wesley, Carter
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mr. Marion A. Wright

July 25, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

At the recent Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21 the members present voted to have a special meeting of the Committee in September, 1956. This meeting will be held in Atlanta.

The dates suggested for the meeting are September 14-15 or September 21-22. The dates fall on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Please let us know by return mail which of the above dates is more convenient for you. Urgent and pressing problems in regards to the future of the Southern Regional Council will be discussed at this meeting and your presence will be needed.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:maf

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THIS LETTER SENT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

B. R. Brazeal
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
J. M. Dabbs
Albert W. Dent
John A. Griffin
Joseph F. Haas
Gordon B. Hancock
Duncan Hunter
Harry V. Richardson
Maurive V. Shean
Carter Wesley
Josephine Wilkins
Paul D. Williams
Marion A. Wright

Exec comm Sept 21

August 7, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

The Executive Committee will meet in Atlanta on September 21-22, 1956. As it now stands the meeting will probably be held on the Atlanta University campus.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon (September 21) and conclude with a 9:00 a.m. session on Saturday (September 22).

We will notify you of the exact meeting place when arrangements have been completed.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mbo

CC TO:

John Hope II
C. H. Parrish
Fred B. Routh
Harold C. Fleming
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
John Constable
Mrs. Ruth Alexander

August 21, 1956

Mrs. Marian B. Paul
2324 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Paul:

We have your letter of August 17 in which you tender your resignation as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council. We sincerely regret having to lose you.

We will place your resignation before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

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2324 Washington Street
Columbia, S. C.
August 17, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am sure you are aware of my deep interest in the Southern Regional Council and the manifold good it is doing in the south and its influence into other parts of the country- yea, of the world. Thus it is with regret that I tend to you my resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. A physical handicap coupled with a conflict in my program of work in the season for your annual Board meeting, make it necessary that I relinquish my place to some one who can attend the meetings.

It is my hope that I shall be able to continue active participation in the State Chapter, and I hope to see some of the benefits derived after my twenty-five years of being associated with the Council.

Please accept my cordial wishes for the continued success of the Council, which it so thoroughly deserves.

Yours truly,
Marian B. Paul
Marian B. Paul

Noted GSM 8/20/56

Go to take care of (previous course no)

Write her that resignation will be placed before Exe. Com.

July 27, 1956

Mr. J. Claude Evans
The Methodist Advocate
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mrs. Paul has been a valued member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, on nomination, as we both understand, from the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. The Board's next meeting, incidentally, is November 14th.

We will be much sorry to lose her from the Board, and will be grateful for your replacement of her at an early convenient date. We would like South Carolina to be fully represented at the Board meeting November 14th.

In order to make matters official, Mrs. Paul should really write in to me that she now proposes to resign from the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Routinely that goes before the Executive Committee (or the Board, whichever meets first), and is accepted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTH CAROLINA
METHODIST
Advocate

J. CLAUDE EVANS, EDITOR P. O. BOX 867 COLUMBIA, S. C.

July 25, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have in hand a letter from Mrs. Marian B. Paul of Columbia, S. C., resigning from the executive board of the Southern Regional Council because she finds it impossible to attend the annual meetings. We receive this communication with regret but under the circumstances see no alternative but to accept it. We will give you our nomination for replacement as soon as our executive board of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations meets.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Claude Evans

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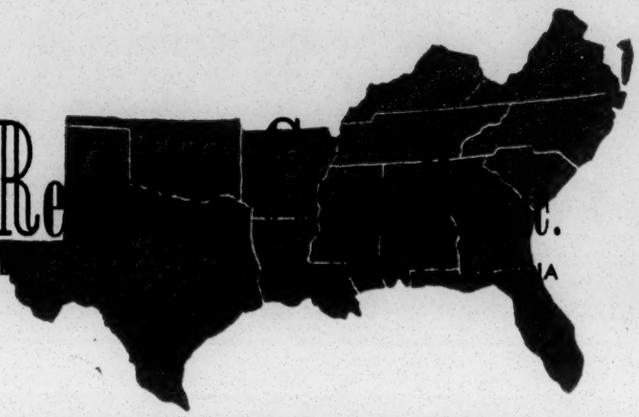

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Atlan. Comm.
Sept. 21

August 21, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

According to the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21, 1956, you were selected a member of a five- member special committee to make a study of qualified personnel to succeed Dr. Mitchell as Executive Director.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, who is chairman of this committee, is asking the group to meet on Thursday, September 20, 1956, at 3:00 P. M., in the President's office at Atlanta University. The office is located in the Administration Building at 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Please let us know whether or not you will attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander

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Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

August 23, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Glad to have your long letter, which makes me put things together consecutively.

My getting out has no faintest note of disillusionment. It is compounded in good part of personal reasons, and in good part of what I think will be helpful to the Southern Regional Council and its goals. Here or there somebody will, of course, draw some quite unwarranted conclusion.

I think there is clearly need for the Southern Regional Council for a goodish period ahead. I would say six to a dozen years. And most urgent need for four or five years to come. I hold to my unpopular view that after a while each Southern state should be back in the Union as a regular member, and that there need not be a special organization of human relations agencies at work in the Southern states.

Your idea about more service to difficult situations from this office is one I had only begun to see the emerging of. Of course it runs counter to all I have been trying to do in putting action down to local communities. But maybe there could be ways by which, through the extension from here of your device of settled local consultants, the same purpose could be served.

Clearly there ought to be some good long staff discussions before the meeting of the Executive Committee September 21-22. Unfortunately, my opportunities for it are limited because I am gone from the office on personal business from noon on September 4th through September 13th, and maybe the 14th (have to take my children to the boat and to college).

I would be glad for you and Fred and Harold and John to put your views together at any time that might be convenient while I am gone. I am back for conferences a'plenty on September 17th and most of September 19th and 20th. But these later September dates would be awkward for you as I should think that college would be beginning again.

In any case, I am very likely to agree with what the four of you may think wise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
LOUISVILLE 8, KENTUCKY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

August 17, 1956

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

In spite of the rumors afloat concerning your plans for the future, it came as a considerable shock to learn that you were leaving the Council as of January, 1957. It is difficult to imagine what the Southern Regional Council will be like without your direction. I suppose that in the minds of most people throughout the South and the country as a whole, SRC equals GSM. Your decision to leave at this time raises questions of grave import.

The natural question which will come to the minds of many is whether or not your resignation implies disillusionment. Some will undoubtedly think that you have come to believe that the projected goals of the Council are impossible of achievement. To the extent to which such doubts about the Council are circulated, the confidence of others may be impaired and their support weakened.

The other important question is closely connected, what of the future of SRC? I am not sure I know what your views are on this second question, whether you feel that there should be a diminishing operation or an expanding one, or if the Regional Office should be emphasized or whether greater effort should be put into development of State organizations. I do not know, either, whether you feel that the old idea of autonomous State organizations is sound or if there should be a complete reorientation in our thinking on this point. In any event, there will still remain the important question of your successor; whether he should be selected to serve merely for the remainder of the FFR grant period or on the basis of the possibility of a much longer tenure.

These are questions with which neither the Executive Committee nor the Board of SRC is prepared to cope without considerable Staff direction. In fact, I suspect that, as usual, the Staff will have to come to some decision as to what the policies should be before the matter is presented to the Executive Committee.

Although my own thinking on these matters is still somewhat confused, I am inclined to go back to the reasons back of the original request to FFR which was for, roughly, twice the amount which was actually allotted to us. At that time the road ahead seemed much longer than it did in the summer of 1954, and now, by a sequence of events none of us anticipated, we are beginning to realize that the road ahead is again long and rough. It would seem that now,

even more than at the time when the first request was made, we are in need of, and can justify, a larger sum. I do not think that the money we have had during the past two and a half years has been wasted. On the other hand, I think it may be admitted that the effort to set up self-sustaining State organizations could not have been initiated at a more inappropriate time. There is a small suggestion in this that field persons working full time from the Atlanta office might be able to do a far more effective job in the states which are resisting the segregation decision than is now possible with weak, local direction.

In essence, there seems to be indicated at least two types of operation. One type would be emphasized for the so-called hard core states, and, at least temporarily, other states where the state operation is unsatisfactory. Here there would be a shift of Staff direction to the Atlanta office until such time as a locally directed program seemed feasible. Then there would be a second type of activity in which, one by one, the states which become self sufficient may be cut loose with a minimum of financial help but with the opportunity to call for such services as SRC may be able to offer. Another part of the central office operation would be an expansion of John Hope's work at a point where it could pay for itself on a fee basis from localities within non-resisting states and from state wide or region wide organizations which can use the "stable" of experts we shall be able to assemble.

My own preference for your successor would be a person already within the organization who knows what we are trying to do and for whom a costly orientation would not be necessary. I feel that any person we might be able to secure would probably not be the kind of person we would want. The tenure at the moment is short (less than one year) and the future uncertain. I do not know whether the person I have in mind at the central office would be interested, but as a temporary expedient, he might be willing to accept. I will expect, of course, to have the chance of talking with you sometime before the September meeting of the Executive Board, and perhaps by that time we may be able to discuss these matters with more conviction and certainly with greater clarity.

Cordially,

C. H. PARRISH

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216 FLATIRON BUILDING
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Exec. Comm. Sept. 21

August 31, 1956

Dr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Since receipt of your letter of August 7, advising that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council will be held September 21-22, I have tried to work out substitute arrangements for a meeting in Knoxville on the same dates in which I am obligated to participate. It is in connection with my official duties as AFL-CIO Regional Director, and must of course receive priority.

It appears now that I shall not be able to attend the SRC meeting in Atlanta, unless the dates are changed. I could make it on either September 14-15 or September 28-29. I am sorry, but it seems this is the very best I can do.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Christopher

Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director

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Same letter to:

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September 11, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

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G. S. Alexander,
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Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

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Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

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Mr. A lbert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

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Mr. John A . Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Mr. Joseph F. Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

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Rev. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Rev Hunter:

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Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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926 S. Sixth St.
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September 11, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Taft Hotel
Seventh Avenue at Fiftieth Street
New York 19, New York

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cc: "Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N.C.

September 11, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
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Mailed to members of the Executive Committee 9/17/56

MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1956

To: George S. Mitchell

From: CHP, HCF, FBR, and JH

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Subject: Future of SRC

When C. H. Parrish was here just after Labor Day, he and Fleming and Routh discussed at length the question of the SRC's future after October 1, 1957. Parrish had come to Atlanta with some fundamental questions about the approach outlined in the draft letter to the Fund for the Republic prepared for the executive committee. In discussing these questions, we developed some new ideas about the basis on which SRC should seek support after the end of the coming fiscal year. We found that John Hope was thinking along similar lines, and his views are incorporated here.

It was a matter of regret to us that this opportunity for joint examination of SRC's future role occurred during your absence. We are outlining our common views here in some detail for your consideration and with the request that they be presented to the executive committee for consideration, along with the earlier draft letter, at the September 21-22 meeting.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of

funds and program emphasis. The expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them. In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as an attitude of defiance by four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action. Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such

a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens. In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. We know, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

It seems to us that this situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact. Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has

made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we want to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff.

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff. Under such a plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would exchange their affiliate status for one of autonomy, and that their

relationship with us would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals.

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would probably be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used during the affiliate period, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions,

it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff. In general, however, we envision the consolidation of staff functions under the major headings of executive, information, and field services.

Functions of SRC

Again without attempting to offer a blueprint, we submit the following types of activity as representing new or heightened program emphases which the Council might undertake:

1) Consultant services to established public and private agencies.

The consultant service project under the direction of John Hope II was conceived and has been used as a service to the state affiliates. It has proved to be an extremely effective technique. Already we contemplate making these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, such use of the consultant services deserves high priority. It is our opinion that we should provide these services free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership.

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinate the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative

in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. Further, the effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers Bureau.

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions are invaluable opportunities to carry our message to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize the furnishing of speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically build up a speakers bureau drawn mainly from our lay leadership and suitable for supplying different kinds of occasions in different parts of the region. The selection, briefing, and scheduling of such speakers would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Literature.

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for

which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More calculated uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings.

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations. Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions.

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program

now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances.

Because of limitations of time, we have had no opportunity to develop detailed estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. Our rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. This is approximately $150,000. per year more than SRC has thus far managed to raise from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by the Board and Executive Committee. It is our hope that any planning of the Council's future will give major consideration to this need.

We would also hope that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that we can avoid rigid allocations of our funds for pre-determined purposes. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be adaptable readily to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's whole-hearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which begins October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated. It is possible, for example, that the Fund for the Republic might be receptive to a request for additional aid during the year for such a purpose.

In any case, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with the Executive Director and the Executive Committee in order to arrive at a plan to which all of us can lend our full support and energies.

HCF:mbo

DILLARD UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS 22, LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 13, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I will arrive in Atlanta in time for the committee meeting at President Clement's office at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, and will remain at least through Friday for the Executive Committee meeting. I am not sure yet whether I can remain for the Saturday morning session.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Dent
President

AWD:db

MEMBER UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

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Exec. Comm.
Sept. 21

September 13, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Yours of September 12 came in today. It found me rushing to clear my desk so I can get out of here at 3:30 for a trip to New York. I have to be there tomorrow, but I will come down again Saturday.

This trip, plus the fact that next week-end, the 21st and 22nd, my wife will be away attending some sort of YWCA sessions in Virginia, makes the possibility of my getting to your meeting very, very unlikely. In fact, I might as well instruct you to strike me out as a possible attendant. Our child is in school and it is just impossible for both of us to be away any length of time, when we cannot take the child with us. I'd like to attend that session, but I am just sorry, I won't be able to make it.

Sincerely,

Carter Wesley

Carter Wesley

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REGION NO. 8, PAUL R. CHRISTOPHER, DIRECTOR
216 FLATIRON BUILDING
705 BROADWAY, N. E.
KNOXVILLE 17, TENNESSEE
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September 13, 1956

Exec Comm.
Sept 21

Dr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Alexander:

In answer to your letter of September 12th, I can only say again what was stated in a previous letter to you that the dates of September 21-22 for the next SRC Executive Committee are impossible dates for me.

I just cannot be there on either of these dates, unless an organizational conference I must attend on the same dates should be changed. No such miracle is expected. As I have stated before, my organizational work must receive priority on my time and this is one of those occasions.

Please extend my regrets and best wishes for a very successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Christopher

Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director

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Exec. Comm. Sept. 21

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The Oratory

ROCK HILL
SOUTH CAROLINA

September 14, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 12th. I have already filled in my card and mailed it to you but I thought it might be wise to send this letter also.

At the moment I plan to come to Atlanta on the 20th, I expect to stay at the Piedmont Hotel and will arrive there some time in the afternoon. My purpose for arriving early is very simple. I am going to see if I can catch up on a little sleep, however, if there is anything that I can do that would be useful or sensible I should be very happy if you would let me know.

I do hope that this meeting is going to be a good one because I realize how important it is and I shall in a very special way pray for its success.

With kind personal regards,

Yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
Provost

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As Mailed to Members of the
Executive Committee September
17, 1956.

FBR
HCF
JH
CHP

Dear _____:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

(Note: copies mailed to JH and CHP)

September 17, 1956

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear John:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Joseph F. Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 17, 1956

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The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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September 17, 1956

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 17, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 17, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

Here is an important staff memorandum. I agree with it and hope that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, September 21-22, it will help importantly in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 17, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF CENTRAL OFFICE FUND RAISING

OCTOBER 1, 1955 to SEPTEMBER 19, 1956

QUOTA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FFR GRANT FOR 1956-57			$ 55,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Individuals	$ 3,255.00		
Organizations	4,996.00		
Churches	3,820.00		
Foundations	35,500.00	$ 47,571.00	
OTHER INCOME:			
SRC Dues (Associate Members)	356.00		
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	6,142.17		
Sale of Literature	1,325.68		
Honoraria	1,567.80		
Interest Income	2,132.00	11,523.65	
TOTAL INCOME			59,094.65
OVER AND ABOVE QUOTA			$ 4,094.65

September 19, 1956

NAME	TOTAL PAID TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS BY SRC 10/1/55-9/30/56	FUND RAISING GOAL ESTIMATED & NOTIFIED BY LETTER 8/7/56	FUNDS RAISED BY AUGUST 31, 1956	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 31, 1956
ALABAMA	$ 7,973.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,675.25	502
ARKANSAS	13,000.12	3,500.00	1,580.75	159
FLORIDA	13,000.12	3,500.00	4,704.21	370
GEORGIA	12,500.00	3,500.00	3,813.74	654
KENTUCKY	7,622.00	2,000.00	2,270.79	235 + 31 = 266
LOUISIANA	7,635.00	2,000.00	2,052.15	267
MISSISSIPPI	11,800.00	3,500.00	1,518.42	259
NORTH CAROLINA	12,360.00	3,500.00	2,873.55	503
SOUTH CAROLINA	12,550.00	3,500.00	3,382.78	407
TENNESSEE	5,412.75	1,500.00	984.39	201
TEXAS	11,800.00	3,500.00	2,347.75	201
VIRGINIA	10,800.00	3,500.00	4,111.17	573
TOTALS	$126,452.99	$36,000.00	$32,314.95	4,331
				31
				4,362

September 20, 1956

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
September 21-22, 1956

September 21

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Reports
Executive Director
Secretary-Treasurer
(Fund-raising by States)

Review of current Budget

Discussion of Staff Memorandum of September 13, 1956, re Future of SRC after October 1, 1957.

Executive Session
(a) Report of Personnel Committee re in-grade promotions for staff.
(b) Report of sub-committee re Executive Directorship.

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Executive Session

September 22

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Approval of staff action re allocation to states according to 25% formula.

Discussion of Mississippi Council's probationary status

Amendment to By-Laws

Other Business

Executive Session

Meeting
September 21-22

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Sept. 21

MEMBERS

Brazeal, B. R.
Morehouse College yes
Atlanta, Georgia

Christopher, Paul no
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Clement, Rufus E. (Chairman) yes
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dabbs, J. M. yes
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dent, Albert W. (Vice President)
Dillard University yes
New Orleans, Louisiana

Griffin, John A.
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Haas, Joseph F. (Counsel)
First National Bank Building yes
Atlanta, Georgia

Hancock, Gordon B. (Vice President)
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Hunter, Duncan yes
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Richardson, Harry V. no
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Shean, Maurice V., C. O. yes
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Wesley, Carter (Vice President) no
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Wilkins, Josephine yes
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Williams, Paul D. (Elected Vice President has not accepted) yes
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Wright, Marion A. (President) yes
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

6/27/56

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

September 21, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., September 21st, in the Conference Room, Harkness Hall, Atlanta University, by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. A. W. Dent
Mr. John Griffin
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Father Maurice Shean
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams

Staff members present were:

George S. Mitchell
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Frederick B. Routh
John Hope
John Constable
G. S. Alexander
Elizabeth Brantley

Invocation by Father Maurice V. Shean. The Minutes of the meeting of July 20-21, as previously mailed to members of the Committee, were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was postponed until later in the afternoon.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Mitchell. Executive Committee met carefully in July -- August is a dull month and not much happens. Compressed the reports of staff members, and said that they, in turn, would report in more detail: nine states at least will meet fund-raising quotas; Mrs. Tilly has very important meeting coming up in October; Harold Fleming has sent in opus of fact-finding on the degree of desegregation since the Supreme Court decision; John Hope has got going again with teaching people in the states how to do. As to money: required to raise $55,000 this year (October 1, 1955 - October 1, 1956) to draw next year's money from the Fund for the Republic and has raised $57,000 or $58,000; helped greatly by providential sums -- New World Foundation, $17,000, for John Hope's

program; and $5,000 from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation; around $45,000 is available (though bits are in special pockets for specific purposes) for several months in the coming fiscal year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander submitted to members of the Executive Committee the report of the state organizations' fund-raising efforts during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Dabbs. Do state organizations receive credit for subscriptions to New South obtained in that state? Said the report from South Carolina he last saw showed around $3600 or more collected; nearly $600 of that was for New South subscriptions.

Mrs. Alexander. Figures shown on chart [attached] were inclusive of August amount only, and that perhaps the next report from South Carolina would show the amount as stated by Mr. Dabbs.

Mr. Dent. Question re contents of letter dated August 7, 1956, as mentioned in column 2 of the state organizations' mimeo'd report.

Mrs. Alexander. Letter referred to amount to be raised pro rata by each state organization, in conformity with amount from SRC.

Mr. Dent. If state organizations do not raise quotas, would they be given the full amount?

Mr. Routh. Last fiscal year further funds were withheld for days or weeks from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, which states had not met quotas. After they met their quotas, SRC resumed assistance to them.

HOST REMARKS

Mr. Clement. Very pleased to see members of the Executive Committee and central staff present. Doubled in case of Paul Williams, former President of the SRC, now reelected as Vice-President and therefore a member of the Committee.

Mr. Clement has talked by long distance with Mr. Wright a couple of days ago. Mr. Wright regretted that his wife's illness made it impossible for him to be at this meeting.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BUDGET

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of a comparison of the 1955-56 budget with actual income and expenditures as of August 31, 1956. Stated that total expenditure to date ($88,006.64) represents 94.7 per cent of total budget for 1955-56. [attached]

Mr. Mitchell. Comparison sheet does not show $17,000 from the New World Foundation or $5,000 from Christopher Reynolds Foundation; ups total income by $22,000.

Mr. Williams. Estimate the prospects for next year from Marshall Field, Doris Duke, John Hay Whitney, and labor sources.

Mr. Mitchell. Marshall Field grant for three years -- next year is the last. Doris Duke has rule against any consecutive appropriations, but believe it is possible to get a one-year grant again. John Hay Whitney Foundation has notified SRC of provision for Mrs. Tilly in coming calendar year in the amount of $2,000. Labor should give $5,000, though Fred Routh believes SRC can get $25,000.

Mr. Mitchell. Practically sure to get $51,500 next year. Need to raise above that $26,000. Sum is $77,500. Of that nearly $45,000 will be on hand October 1st. Spending money next year: assuming that operations will be continued through the coming fiscal year as at present, salaries = $46,000, and for other items -- travel, communications, rent, etc. -- $85,000, exclusive of John Hope's program and exclusive of what might be added for fact-finding as is going on now. Add $7,000 more for John Hope ("and I would be in favor of adding a good deal more") and $5,000 for fact-finding, get a grand total of $100,000, including $3,500 for meetings, etc. Staff can probably fit together $75,000. Somebody has got to find $25,000 more than is in sight.

Mr. Dent. How much found this year in areas which you have not included?

Mr. Mitchell. $60,000 outside of grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Mr. Dent. Aside from what is included in estimate of $75,000 which staff might fit together, how much of $25,000 would be from sources from which money was received this year?

Mr. Mitchell. Only such source is New World Foundation.

DISCUSSION OF STAFF MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1956
RE FUTURE OF SRC AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1957

Each member of the Executive Committee had received a copy of the memo in the mails. Mr. Fleming was asked by Dr. Mitchell to speak for the staff.

Mr. Fleming. Memo is self-evident. Made longer than most so that it would be fairly self-explanatory.

All Committee members had read the memo and discussion proceeded.

Mr. Dent. Memo suggests a revision of the present structure. Can see some virtue in so doing, but would like to have stronger arguments about it before supporting it. Memo suggests emphasis on central operation rather than as at present emphasizing state organizations.

Mr. Clement. Whatever is decided about the memorandum as being an acceptable and wise program will not alter the present method of operation which continues through September 30, 1957.

At this point the Committee asked that the motion made at the Tuskegee meeting (November 9, 1955) be read: "On motion by Miss Josephine Wilkins, the staff was directed to submit to the Executive Committee at an early meeting, not later than the April meeting, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the Fund for the Republic."

Mr. Dent. Would like the staff to speak to the point of why SRC can conduct an operation more effectively through a centralized rather than through a state organizations agency.

Mr. Fleming. First, this is discussion of proposals for the period after completion of the present grant -- that is, after September, 1957. It is not conceived as a reversal in the sense of withdrawing aid previously committed to state organizations; the original commitments will have been carried out during the three years, ending October 1, 1957. It is a future effort by the Council which is essential in protecting investment made during those years. In the past two years, we have committed the regional movement pretty largely to subsidy, strengthening and working with state groups. Of the four Assistant Directors whose views are incorporated in this memo, three are directly, or almost exclusively, concerned with state organizations, and the other is concerned to some extent. That is one quick index to our emphasis on decentralization. None of us feels that this has been the wrong emphasis. But what has happened since the Supreme Court's decision was made justifies some reorientation. The opposition to integration has been unified and elevated to a much higher level of organization than it was before. Resistance movements are inter-state in character -- as evidenced by recent events in Tennessee and Kentucky. Propaganda is nationwide and reaches other parts of the world (such things as the Southern Manifesto, and airing the views of leading segregationists through mass media). National opinion has been markedly influenced by this powerful, concerted inter-state resistance in the South. An outstanding example was the appearance in U. S. News and World Report of a document critical of Negro intelligence. Also, the way in which the trend in the South has been interpreted nationally. These are matters of concern.

At the "Hard-Core" Conference, the impression of the staff was that state groups -- while they have worked hard and the central office has been trying to help them -- feel quite frustrated. With reason, because the broad forces supporting segregation have tied their hands, silenced their potential allies, and cut off some of the funds that might have been hoped for, hampering their working out any sort of effective local programs. They cry, "What can we do when all opinion and official power are so strongly directed the other way?" We feel that we are going to have to do more than is possible under the present arrangements to reach and influence and contribute to some of the broader forces that are shaping the total situation.

There is a tendency to look to the central office for professional service, for program, for guidance -- in short, for full national operation. Many state groups feel quite dependent upon the central office for assistance. Consider the expectations of our own policy group. In Executive Committee meetings the discussion continuously turns to the SRC and its staff and what it is doing to broaden its sphere of activity and influence. In the face of these expectations and needs, central staff feels quite frustrated at times because so much of its time and resources are directed toward being an advisory body.

Mr. Dabbs. You are recommending a sort of cutting loose of state groups, and also an attempt to influence opinion more than we have. Suppose we do need to do those things; why do you have to change from state organizations?

Mr. Fleming. What is being proposed is nothing new -- only that we fulfill our commitments under the grant for the three-year period. It was originally agreed that after three years the states would be free. However some additional support should be offered by the Council in some form of grants-in-aid. As to affiliated status at the end of the three-year period, the state groups will have benefitted about as much as they can by having a dependent relationship to the Council through direct subsidy. Beyond that period such a relationship would stultify rather than lead to growth. Mr. Fleming further said that the Council probably cannot get resources to do what it has done in terms of services to the state groups, and to do a program job through its own staff for the central office also. About the same thing applies to the difficulty of getting enough skilled people to do a job. This memo (1) provides aid for the states, keeping cooperative and friendly relationships, and (2) puts the state organizations on their mettle. Remember, too, that we have one further year of direct aid to the states, during which they should grow stronger and more self-sufficient.

Question. After the three-year period the states would be on their own, but would they be free to come to the central office for assistance?

Mr. Fleming. Yes. But assistance would be given on the basis of merit, rather than on relationship. We would continue giving the state groups services, but hope that we would not have to be quite so exclusive about the consultant services; services to be made available on the basis of need, but not limited or directed solely to the state organizations.

Father Shean. There is need for heavier regional concentration. Met in Washington recently with representatives of other similar organizations to discuss means of cooperating and coordinating in this particular field. Main question: "What can these organizations do to help implement the Supreme Court's decision." Discussed the need of perhaps another coordinating agency, perhaps built up with a small staff to do just what has been proposed in the central office staff memo. Forty-six organizations were represented at the Washington meeting. Emphasized to them the practical means at hand to persuade everybody to work on a local basis together, so that each group would not feel as if it were working alone. At present there is no clearing house, nobody who can be a total guide so to speak, and here is something that seems a great need for and of the moment. The reorganizational memo is concerned with a structure which might provide such cooperation.

Miss Wilkins. Is there a proposal to set up such a new organization?

Father Shean. Matter was referred to a committee. Father Shean is a member of the committee.

Miss Wilkins. Would it not be a good idea to sell the Southern Regional Council to them on this basis?

Father Shean: This could be done, but at the time of the meeting did not have the staff memo before me.

Mr. Hope. Southern Regional Council is in a unique position to become a channel for regional and national organizations. Under the proposed reorganization, each state's program findings could flow normally through into each of the other eleven states. There would be the assumption that a state organization is active in a state and is performing efficiently and a good vehicle. But it would not be awkward, and now sometimes it is, for the central office to go into a state and take some sort of action.

Mr. Williams. Was it not a part of the original proposal to the Fund for the Republic that there was a great deal of need for the state organizations?

Mr. Fleming. Purpose then was quite legitimate. Supreme Court was going to rule, and it was felt that once the principle of integration was established, implementation would break down into many

varying local problems. Developments have not followed this pattern, and we need a stronger central organization to work for acceptance of the principle itself.

Mr. Clement. In personal contacts with the Fund for the Republic people, the Fund for the Republic feels that this is a logical turn for us in the light of the change which has taken place in Southern affairs. It will not by any means harm program by revising our method of operation to meet the situation.

Mr. Griffin. It is a bit too optimistic to assume that the work will flow on. The state organizations might find that they are up against the same things that the Council has been up against in times past.

Mr. Fleming. Question is whether it would be found that the work in the state groups would pay off better if most of the energies and resources were thrown into direct support, or if the energies and resources were directed toward creating an effective climate for compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. Most of the state organizations should survive -- will have a tough time, but most can continue to produce fairly effective programs under the new arrangements.

Question. How many do you think will be able to continue with present professional staff?

Mr. Fleming. Relying on information from Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish, most will continue.

Mr. Routh. Roughly eight of the states can continue with professional staff -- perhaps nine.

Mr. Fleming. A generous sum is being made available to each state during the coming fiscal year, which sum should be a pretty good boost in the next year. At end of next year hopes to feel pretty confident that the states could make it on their own.

Mr. Parrish. Might have effective Board persons in one state and a weak staff person, or vice versa in others. Each state has its own particular difficulties.

Mr. Dent. During the last two years we have been building techniques for dealing with an emphasis upon state organizations. If we propose to build an organization which places the major emphasis on regional operation, what does that imply from the standpoint of techniques, and what does it imply from the standpoint of staff structure?

Mr. Fleming. Staff is hardly in position to evaluate itself. However, there is nothing in this memo which does not grow out of the present situation as we see it. Every one of the activities listed represents areas in which the staff has felt needs. The staff has been

able to do something -- though not enough to be more than somewhat frustrating -- to show the possibility for much more activity along those lines. The Council possesses the knowledge and insight into techniques that would be needed. It would call for a reevaluation of the total staff structure, because what is suitable for one approach and what is suitable for another may be quite different. Not prepared today to submit any suggestions re specific reorganization of staff and structure. It needs to be worked out with great care and consideration by the Executive Committee with such help as the staff can give it. Some of the things we are now doing are adaptable to this approach. For example, the consultants' service program as directed by John Hope. This kind of service should by no means be restricted to the state affiliates. It could be very effectively applied in a number of different cases. SRC activities could be broken down into these general classes: (1) executive and administrative, concerned with organizational matters as such; (2) two different classes of program activities: (a) area of information, and (b) area of field services -- both in the broad sense. In information, the Council has sought to do a good deal right along, in addition to the state organizations' job.

Mr. Mitchell. It is an arrangement whereby state organizations can continue to survive and do a good job. There will be some situations in which a state organization partially survives, someone being paid a per diem fee from this office to go into a state and service some special need.

Mr. Clement. Subsidy could be given directly as the need arose to a particular state.

Mr. Routh. C. H. Parrish and I have participated in some programs outside of the SRC state organizations; specifically work in states where affiliates are not available.

Mr. Fleming. There is a great demand for this sort of work now, and it is greater than SRC can now conscientiously supply without sacrificing some of its present obligations.

Mr. Dent. What are the implications to such staff as we have or may develop after October, '57 in this suggestion of a change in emphasis? It could very well be that your techniques for working with the type of people you have in the state organizations might be quite different in working with YMCA, B'nai B'rith, etc.,people.

Mr. Griffin. In one specific area it is implied that additional skilled research interpretation would be obtained.

Mr. Hope. As of now the consultants service program depends upon request from a state for assistance. That implies that if an organization does not ask for assistance none can be given in that state. In one particular state there is a great deal of unrest and I have received requests from the Congregational Church and others to put people into that section to work on integration. As it stands now, the consultants can do very little. What is needed, and is offered by the staff memo, is more flexibility.

Mr. Fleming. There is an increasing need for developing, not only general information for mass distribution, but specific information for specific purposes based upon new research or fact-finding. This has been tried on a small scale with pretty good results. But presently SRC does not have the time or staff or resources to do a really effective job. Could farm out certain aspects of the research which would be used directly in program.

Father Shean. Do persons presently members of the staff of SRC possess qualifications needed to carry on an operation of this sort?

Mr. Fleming. I believe so, but there will be additional staff needs.

Mr. Clement. Out of this discussion the Executive Committee hopes to formulate recommendations to the Board as to the sort of program which should go on after October, 1957 -- maybe something in the interim -- and as to the new Director, beginning January 16, 1957. When those two things have been done, the Executive Committee will need the help of the new Director in setting up the structure necessary to facilitate whatever program may be agreed upon. We will then need to work at staff needs and staff personnel to fit whatever program is agreed upon to operate until October, 1957, and after. In position now to formulate ideas as to (1) structure, (2) function and program, and (3) as to the selection of a new Executive Director. The Board can do whatever it pleases with whatever recommendation we make. When the new Director takes office before the end of the grant period, there will be a time when we will have to reexamine program and staff and bring into conformity.

Mr. Dabbs. If we decide to approve the plan as presented in the memo, can formal approach be made to the Fund for the Republic until the Board has met to back up our proposal?

Mr. Mitchell. There's no urgency about it. If we get a letter to the Fund for the Republic shortly before January 1, 1957, we are in pretty good shape.

Further discussion followed on the presentation of the memorandum to the Annual Meeting. It was felt that the memo should be mailed to Board members well in advance of the November meeting so that they would have a chance to study it and come to the meeting prepared to make recommendations if any.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approves in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September, 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program.

Upon motion it was agreed that the Committee would go into Executive Session after adjournment of the present session.

Mr. Alexander presented to the Committee, for its approval, the proposed wording for a scroll which is to be presented to Leonard Haas at the Annual Meeting.

Session adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m., September 21, 1956.

RE LEONARD HAAS

The Chairman of the Executive Committee reported that in Executive Session the Committee had approved the wording of the scroll which will be presented to Leonard Haas at the Annual Meeting in November.

APPROVAL OF STAFF ACTION RE ALLOCATION TO STATES ACCORDING TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT FORMULA

Mr. Routh. All states in fiscal 1955-56 had available money for employment of professional staff on an interracial basis. Those who had so employed professional staff will be protected. Some received $10,000 for two full-time directors, and others received $7,500 for salary of an executive and for secretarial help. The states having received $10,000 were Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas. Those receiving $7,500 were Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Virginia. Of $100,000 from the Fund for the Republic, total expenditure of $97,500. Balance of $2,500 could be used at discretion of central office. Reason for holding Mississippi out is because Mississippi was put on probationary status at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The total of $2,500 comes within the twenty-five per cent variable which the Executive Committee allowed to staff for state organizations.

Mr. Mitchell. Question arises because we undertook nearly three years ago to provide each state with even-steven assistance. The further we get the more we are convinced that our aid should be tailor-made. We made very special effort to enable each state to employ a Negro and a white professional staff person. We have done our best to stand behind continued employment for the added personnel.

Upon motion the Executive Committee unanimously approved the staff action re allocation to states according to the twenty-five per cent formula.

MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL'S PROBATIONARY STATUS

Mr. Routh had hoped that it would be possible for an organization to function in that state. Board's first chairman was dedicated and a good man -- Rabbi Mantinband. Next person was a good person and a fine

lady -- Mrs. Ratliff. In spite of this the Board had difficulty in relating to the chief staff person. Repeated complaints came into the central office re inability of the organization to function as it should. Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish made an emergency trip to Mississippi to discuss with the Board current difficulties. From that trip Messrs. Routh and Parrish drew up a memo outling difficulties.

Mr. Routh. Recommended to the Executive Committee that, after due consideration he and Mr. Parrish feel that the condition has not been sufficiently improved to warrant continued support from the central office to the Council in Mississippi.

Discussion by Messrs. Parrish, Dent, Clement, Fleming, Shean, Routh, and Brazeal.

Mr. Routh read from the joint statement of the Mississippi Council, beginning at the point discussing the charge of lack of staff efficiency:

"We have considered this carefully, careful investigation was made, and we have been unable to get any appreciable report. No complaints have at any time been made to the Board of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations of staff inefficiency, and the Board members are unaware of personality problems."

Discussion established that complaints were made to the central office and not to the Board of the Mississippi Council. Mr. Routh stated that the situation was probably due to both staff and Board indirection.

The Southern Regional Council staff had been directed to make recommendation as to what disposition should be made of the Mississippi Council, and Mr. Routh did so as follows:

"After a thorough review of the activities of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and the prevailing climate of attitudes and pattern of practices in the state, the assistant directors for state organizations respectfully recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that: (1) the Board and Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations should be notified that our financial support of the MCHR will be terminated as of January 1, 1957; and (2) that should MCHR fail to meet its minimum requirement in fund-raising for the 1955-56 fiscal year, that funds be withheld as of October 1, 1956."

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that the staff recommendation re discontinuance of aid to the Mississippi Council on Human Relations be approved.

Mr. Mitchell. Stated that there was a possibility that Arkansas would be placed on provisional status because of failure to raise sufficient funds -- that too rests with the Committee.

Mr. Parrish. Raising a certain amount of money is not an adequate criterion for evaluation of a state organization.

Mr. Routh. All are agreed that Arkansas has excellent program. This creates the problem of cutting off an organization which has an effective program.

Mr. Clement. Presents question of whether the Committee wishes to apply the mechanical device set up by the motion of the July 20-21 meeting without regard to program underway, or whether it wishes to allow the staff of the central office leeway in the prosecution of the resolution.

Further discussion followed, after which the following resolution was unanimously approved:

We reaffirm the action taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting August 16, 17, 1955, in which the Executive Committee recognizes its responsibility in requiring the states to meet their pro rata share within each fiscal year, and that in 1956 the staff be given power to use its discretion as to states which might have this extended one month -- to October 31st.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At the last meeting (July 20-21, 1956) the staff was instructed to bring in a proposed change in the by-laws for presentation to the Board to empower the Executive Committee to fill vacancies within the Executive Committee from among members of the Board of Directors between annual meetings, subject to confirmation of the succeeding annual meeting.

Mr. Alexander presented the following change, which was upon motion unanimously approved: (Article V, Section 1)

At Present:	Proposed Change:
.... Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.	.... Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Board.

UNUSED STATE FUNDS

Mr. Mitchell. Requests authority from the Committee to make available to Virginia and to Tennessee some money this year, which we quite understand they will be using next year.

Mr. Routh. Tennessee has recently received $350 for local use out of their special emergency fund set up for them. The use of this money will actually carry over into the coming fiscal year. Comparable action was taken prior to October, 1955. Virginia has had an allocation of up to $12,500 for the 1955-56 fiscal year. They have used far less than that amount. They have now asked for additional funds out of the current allocation to hire special consultants to work in critical areas -- Fairfax County, Arlington, etc. A real push now for school integration might bring results in January. Dr. Mitchell has told the Committee that there is $10,200 leftover money from state programs, and he proposes that up to half of this money be made available, at the discretion of central office staff, for use among various state organizations.

Mr. Mitchell. This adds to the twenty-five per cent discretionary powers which were given to the central office at Frogmore. Now asking for another $5,000 of discretionary money. Money is available if the Executive Committee authorizes it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed to give the central office staff discretionary powers for using up to $5,000 of unexpended state funds, for assistance to state organizations in the coming fiscal year.

WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

Mr. Fleming. The April Executive Committee meeting instructed the staff to explore the possibility of a favorable statement from the President of the United States.

General opinion, after discussion, was that the matter should be taken up again.

PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SRC

Mr. Clement stated earlier in this meeting that the Executive Director would be leaving the Council in mid-January, 1957. At the last meeting a sub-committee was appointed to find a successor; report to be presented in Executive Session, and in turn to the Annual Meeting in November.

During the current session, the following occured.

Miss Wilkins. A committee should be appointed to prepare some kind of appropriate testimonials to the outgoing President and

Executive Director of SRC.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to be ready with appropriate resolutions in view of the services of the Executive Director and the President of the Council.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that bound volumes of New South, for all the years of Mr. Wright's service as President of the Council, be presented to Mr. Wright at the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee suggested that the Executive Director of the Council be authorized to telegraph to Mr. Wright expressing regret at Mr. Wright's absence from this meeting, and the reason therefor, and recognizing his services, and extending sympathies with his situation. So ordered.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session on Friday afternoon, the Executive Committee on motion adopted the plan of within-grade promotion as recommended by the Personnel Committee, herewith:

Executive Director -- $10,000 - $12,000

Assistant Directors -- $7,000- $ 9,000
($250 increments every year until top grade reached)
Administrative Assistant -- $6,000 - $8,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Secretary-Treasurer -- $4,000 - $6,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Stenographers -- $3,000 - $4,000
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

Clerical Assistants -- $2,700 - $3,200
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

Managing Editor of New South -- $5,000 -
(Upper limit not set by personnel committee. Recommend $5,000 - $6,500; $250 increments every year until top grade reached)

Research Assistant -- $4,000 -
(Job not yet classified by personnel committee. Recommend $4,000 - $5,500; $150 increments every year until top grade reached)

Director of Women's Work -- $5,000 - $6,500
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Upon motion, approved recommendation of the special Nominating Committee for an Executive Director, (the Committee having been Marion Wright, Rufus Clement, George Mitchell, Josephine Wilkins, and John Griffin), and agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of Harold Fleming as Executive Director to succeed George Mitchell, January 16, 1957.

Discussion in the Executive Session led to the conclusion that it would be well for a memo to be prepared by the staff with generous assistance from Harold Fleming giving a review of the program planning of the staff; such a memo would be sent out to members of the Board well in advance of the Board meeting November 14th; the memo would be consistent with whatever draft may later on result of a letter to the Fund for the Republic from the President of the Council requesting renewal of aid from that body after October 1, 1957.

Discussion revealed that members of the Executive Committee believed that a particularly helpful feature of the proposed memo would be comprehensive discussion about the desirability of continued primary emphasis on state organizations as against a more centralized operation.

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DRAFT - FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 21-22, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In view of the evident need in the South for extended effort in the field of human relations, the Southern Regional Council must now begin to plan for the period beyond October 1, 1957. That is the date of expiration of the current grant from the Fund for the Republic. Clearly our task will not be complete then, and we shall not be able to function effectively upon resources obtainable in the South. This proposal is submitted in the hope that the Fund will consider favorably the possibility of further assistance to our work for a further period.

September 30, 1957, will mark the end of three and one-half years of major support of the Council's program by the Fund for the Republic. The original hope of both the Council and the Fund was that the progress of the South and the growth of local support for our activities would render further grants from the Fund unnecessary. The reasons why these expectations were not realized are best seen in the perspective of the past few years.

BACKGROUND

It was in 1951 that the Council requested of the Ford Foundation a grant of $1,400,000 over a five year period to make possible the development of strong, professionally staffed state organizations. This seemed to us, as it does now, an effective long-range approach to interracial adjustment in the South. The subsequent creation of the Fund for the Republic resulted in a grant on April 2, 1954, enabling the Council to

undertake the state organizations' program. The grant for the first year was $240,000, for the second year $150,000, and for the third year $110,000 -- or a total of $500,000 for the state efforts, plus several generous grants for lesser projects totaling approximately $60,000. At the beginning of the grant period, the Supreme Court's school decision had not yet been rendered, and its nature and terms were matters for speculation. The ruling was issued only a few weeks later, however, and overturned the long-standing legal structure of segregation. Thus between 1951 and 1954 the Council's principal task was redefined as building strong, self-supporting state groups in three and one-half years rather than five years, with a total grant of $500,000 rather than $1,400,000, and in a legal and social framework that was presently to be drastically altered.

We are sure that in April, 1954, neither we, nor the Fund, nor the nation accurately gauged the extent or nature of the forces which we would encounter in persuading the South to accept the then impending decision of the Supreme Court. As Southerners, we are humiliated to indicate, however briefly, the main elements which make up this opposition.

"RESISTANCE FORCES"

The political organization of the lower South is such that the state governments are responsive only to intransigent pro-segregation opinion. Hence the power of state legislation, administrative action, public funds, and the prestige of state officials are all directed toward the maintenance of segregation. This official action is supplemented by the widespread development of such private organizations as the White Citizens Councils, which have become powerful instruments of political, social, and economic

pressure. There are now more than 50 such "resistance" organizations in the South, and the White Citizens Council movement alone claims 500,000 members.

Perhaps the most unfortunate result of these powerful efforts to mobilize prejudice and fear is the intimidation of much of the South's positive leadership. The cost of dissent from the segregation orthodoxy is so great that positive voices and efforts have been all but stifled. We do not make this dismal summary in any defeatist spirit; the forces moving toward integration are less spectacular and more long-range in nature, but in the end we believe they will prove more powerful. Meanwhile, however, we feel that the Southern Regional Council, as the only southwide, interracial body that has as its primary purpose the mobilization of constructive leadership across racial lines, bears a unique responsibility.

The existence of this truly formidable hostility to everything for which the Southern Regional Council stands -- particularly public school desegregation -- postpones the date when the Council may relax its efforts. More, it has tightened Southern purse strings. The awesome pressure of official and public opinion makes many Southerners indisposed and frequently afraid to contribute to any liberal cause. Hence, we must look beyond the region for a substantial part of our support. Since we think we have performed worthily under the confidence which you put in us, we turn again to you.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Some reassurance comes from the two and one-half years of experience we have had in working with staffed state organizations. And

generally speaking we continue to think that that is the best device. But we are convinced that the method has as its major shortcoming weaknesses in just those states where strength is most needed. We have come to distinguish between the "hard-core" states and the others in the South. By almost any reckoning, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana are the "hard-core" states. In three of those five states the SRC assisted organizations have shown a reticence of purpose amounting almost to timidity. Indeed, in Mississippi we think we have failed to establish a representative and forward-looking Board capable of supporting an active program. For quite different reasons -- mainly connected with the difficult geography of the state -- we have not yet got going in Tennessee an organization capable of independent action.

To match these areas of special difficulty, however, there is a success story in most of the remaining state organizations. Arkansas, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida have shown gratifying development. In each of those states the organization has made a real dent on public opinion. The Alabama Council on Human Relations should be added to the honor roll of ones that have succeeded, when the severe obstacles in social climate and the limited resources available are taken into account; by nearly all measures it has performed well.

To sum up, six state organizations have done notably well; three or four have done well enough to make it likely that they can continue to be quite useful in their states; and one, two, or three have not yet found a pace and a way to work.

We began in your first period of aid to us with an even-handed offer to each of the twelve states. In the last few months, we have found

it clearly wiser to tailor-make our aid to some. For the coming twelve months, which will be the last period of your present grant, we will go further in altering the amounts of aid state by state. It averages out pretty well for the twelve states, but some will get a little more and some a little less.

And we think this tailor-making method is the one to follow for the future.

Now what does one do in places where the state organization is weak and the problem is extra hard? By stimulus from the central office you get persons with professional skills, who are already established in those states (academics or ministers or others), to proceed to pull together the material available in the locality for conferences and understanding between the races. This is an extension of the machinery we have worked out for employing local consultants on a per diem basis. Clearly the complex problems of the South cannot be met with rigid assumptions about method; a realistic and flexible approach is essential.

Out of the travail of the South this central office continues to be called upon for expanding rather than diminishing services. The staff in Atlanta are not empire builders (indeed they have a good deal of disposition in the other direction) but the Council has been hard put to find the funds to enable it to keep alive a sufficient body of informed and sympathetic staff members aided by a ready and trustworthy flow of fact. For the next few years, at any rate, a strong central organization seems essential to the success of this movement.

Experience has taught us that the state organizations pretty early come up against a wall of what they can raise locally without grave

sacrifice to program. Three or four thousand dollars a year strains the best of them. We cannot expect to get a useful program, state by state, at an average figure of less than $7,500 a year of subsidy per state organization. Take the $4,000 they may, perhaps, be able to raise, and you still have only $11,500; which is precious little on which to pay a full-time executive, a clerk, quite a number of consultants, a lot of travel, the rent, the telephone, and the rest.

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The central office can raise $40,000 to $50,000 in a good year. And Southern money for our cause is harder, not easier, to get. It is taking about $100,000 a year now to run what is called for in the central office. We do not see how a responsible service can be provided on less than direct aid of $40,000 a year in addition to what we can raise from other sources.

DURATION OF AID

As to how long a new program should run, we now think that at the end of three more years of aid the back of the problem would be broken. Enough Southern communities would have opened their schools to prove to most of the rest that the change is manageable and ought to be welcomed. At the end of that time we think that quite a number of our state organizations might well have been transformed into agencies assisted from state funds or local gifts, working the more efficiently because of the accumulated non-official experience and because of the availability of trained personnel. Even in the more difficult states the habit of ready interchange between Negro and white citizens would have been launched, at least in some areas.

The whole cost of such a program amounts to $130,000 per year or a total cost of $390,000 for three years. The Southern Regional Council requests the Fund for the Republic to consider a grant to it beginning October 1, 1957, in those terms.

It should be recalled that our original request contemplated a five year program costing $1,400,000. This present proposal coupled with your generous grant for 1954-7 gives a total of well under $900,000, and includes help for six years instead of five.

I, myself, and the members of the staff will be, as heretofore, most anxious to supply you with whatever detailed information and appraisal the Fund for the Republic may wish.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Wright
President

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October 8, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
FBR
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CHP

FROM GSM

The Executive Session of the meeting of the Executive Committee on September 21st produced the following:

"Discussion in the Executive Session led to the conclusion that it would be well for a memo to be prepared by the staff, with general assistance from Harold Fleming, giving a review of the program planning of the staff; such a memo would be sent out to members of the Board well in advance of the Board meeting November 14th; the memo would be consistent with whatever draft may later on result of a letter to the Fund for the Republic from the President of the Council requesting renewal of aid from that body after October 1, 1957.

Discussion revealed that members of the Executive Committee believed that a particularly helpful feature of the proposed memo would be comprehensive discussion about the desirability of strong state organizations as against a more centralized operation."

I would be grateful if all of you would begin work on such a memo to the Board members.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

October 22, 1956

From: Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

To: Members of the Southern Regional Council

Subject: Proposals re Future of SRC

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of September 20-21, considered at length the orientation and emphasis of the Southern Regional Council's program in the period ahead. Staff members had submitted, in the form of a memorandum, proposals which were worked over by the Committee in great detail. At the conclusion of these deliberations, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to "approve in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program."

The present memorandum, drafted by the staff at the direction of the Executive Committee, sets out the proposals and the considerations which led us to submit them to the full Council for decision. I hope that you will

find the opportunity to acquaint yourself thoroughly with this material so that our discussion at Williamsburg may reflect the most thoughtful judgments of everyone present.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of funds and program emphasis. The original expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them.

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South. A renewal of program through regional staff is also essential.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare.

It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens.

The Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. The effectiveness of these efforts to sell the racial "status quo" are evident in various ways: The U. S. News and World Report has given major support to pro-segregation views, most notably through popularization of one psychologist's thesis that Negroes are inherently less intelligent than whites. Such nationally syndicated columnists as Dorothy Thompson and Walter Lippman have argued that the trend toward integration should be slowed or halted. The platforms of both major political parties failed to endorse the Supreme Court's school decisions.

In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. It is true, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in

the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact.

Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Indeed, it is doubtful that the Southern Regional Council can secure further major financing unless it develops program aimed at meeting these broader needs.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we are to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

Proposed Future Relationship

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff. Under the proposed plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund raising.

Future Financial Aid to State Groups

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness

sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions, it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff.

Functions of SRC

The following types of activity represent new or heightened program emphases which the Council might undertake:

1) Consultant services to established public and private agencies

The consultant service project under the direction of John Hope II has so far been used as a service exclusively to the state affiliates. It has proved to be an extremely effective technique. Already we contemplate making

these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, broader use of the consultant services deserves high priority. The range of consultants available should be increased to include educators, police officials, public administrators, and others with first-hand experience in integrating communities. SRC's role would be that of "broker" between community leadership and those experts whose counsel would be most helpful. These services should be provided free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinate the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning, and in stimulating needed activities. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. The effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions

are invaluable opportunities to express our general point of view to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize assistance to groups in securing speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically draw on our lay leadership. The selection and briefing of persons available for speaking engagements would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Materials

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More strategic uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations.

Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances

It will take much more detailed planning before there can be meaningful estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. A rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. In the last fiscal year, SRC raised approximately $60,000. from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from

other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by officers and members of the Council.

It is also to be hoped that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that rigid allocations of funds for pre-determined purposes can be avoided. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be readily adaptable to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's wholehearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which began October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated and seeking additional financing for them.

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenditures as of March 1, 1956

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	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Realized
INCOME:			
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 5,805.00	41.4
Dues	500.00	50.00	10.0
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	2,560.00	42.6
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	500.00	16.6
Honoraria	1,000.00	300.00	30.0
Interest Income	800.00	900.00	112.0
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	49,715.00	76.6
Anticipated Revenue from other sources	28,180.00	16,000.00	56.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 65,715.00	70.6

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Expended
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	26,144.81	42.4
Social Security Tax	800.00	462.69	57.8
Travel	7,500.00	3,545.91	47.2
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	2,449.08	37.6
Printing other	2,000.00	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680.00	700.00	41.6
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	1,102.25	44.0
Postage	2,000.00	456.95	22.8
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	177.79	59.2
Accounting Fees	500.00	275.00	55.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	280.95	93.6
Office Supplies	2,900.00	958.66	33.0
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs	2,000.00	1,253.80	62.6
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	2,500.00		0.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	37,991.42	40.8

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for REMAINDER
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$23,114.82	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry over from Duke and Field Funds	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$67,615.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 3/1/56	13,000.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		80,615.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$12,465.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small Foundations	300.00
Labor Organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	115.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	850.00
Individual Contributions	1,665.00
Associate Members	50.00
New South Subscriptions	2,560.00
Honoraria	300.00
Interest	900.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
TOTAL	$ 23,115.00
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Income and Expenditures as of March 1, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Realized
INCOME:			
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 5,805.00	41.4
Dues	500.00	50.00	10.0
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	2,560.00	42.6
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	500.00	16.6
Honoraria	1,000.00	300.00	30.0
Interest Income	800.00	900.00	112.0
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	49,715.00	76.6
Anticipated Revenue from other sources	28,180.00	16,000.00	56.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 65,715.00	70.6

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Expended
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	26,144.81	42.4
Social Security Tax	800.00	462.69	57.8
Travel	7,500.00	3,545.91	47.2
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	2,449.08	37.6
Printing other	2,000.00	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680.00	700.00	41.6
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	1,102.25	44.0
Postage	2,000.00	456.95	22.8
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	177.79	59.2
Accounting Fees	500.00	275.00	55.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	280.95	93.6
Office Supplies	2,900.00	958.66	33.0
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs	2,000.00	1,253.80	62.6
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	2,500.00		0.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	37,991.42	40.8

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for REMAINDER
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$23,114.82	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry over from Duke and Field Funds	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$67,615.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 3/1/56	13,000.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		80,615.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$12,465.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small Foundations	300.00
Labor Organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	115.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	850.00
Individual Contributions	1,665.00
Associate Members	50.00
New South Subscriptions	2,560.00
Honoraria	300.00
Interest	900.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
TOTAL	$ 23,115.00
**Amount expectable:	
Churches	$ 1,200.00
New South	3,400.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
Small Foundations	700.00
Labor Organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$13,000.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

March 1, 1956

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 12, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

The 1956 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council is set for Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, 1956.

Accommodations will be available for members at Dorothy Hall, either for the night of November 13th or November 14th or both. Meals will also be available at Dorothy Hall.

The nearest railroad station to Tuskegee is Cheehaw on the Atlanta West Point Railroad. The nearest airport is Montgomery, Alabama. If you will let SRC in Atlanta know ahead of time, we can arrange transportation from the Montgomery airport to Tuskegee Institute.

As usual, SRC will pay the expenses of members to attend this meeting.

Please come to the one meeting in the year.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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P. S. The minutes of last year's meeting, as approved by a Committee, are enclosed herewith.

Mailed August 8, 1956
to all members of the
Executive
Committee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

July 20-21, 1956

FILE COPY

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met at 2:00 p.m. on July 20, 1956, at Penn Center, St. Helena Island, South Carolina.

The following members were present:

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Paul Christopher
Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. John Griffin
Rev. Duncan Hunter
Dr. C. H. Parrish
Rev. Maurice Shean
Miss Josephine Wilkins

Staff members who attended the meeting were:

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Mr. John Constable
Mr. Harold Fleming
Mr. John Hope
Dr. George S. Mitchll
Mr. Fred Routh
Mrs. M. E. Tilly

In executive session, Paul Christopher was elected temporary chairman.

The following resolution was passed, and later read to the staff members who sat in on the remainder of the meeting:

> The Executive Committee wishes to express its gratification over the manner in which the Central Office staff has been rounded out with high quality personnel, and the leadership it is giving to the area served by the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, ~~Executive~~ Director, joined the group in the latter part of its executive session. He told the committee that he had been preparing his mind for some time for withdrawing from his duties at the Council at a time fixed as mid-January, 1957, and he asked the Executive Committee to prepare to relieve him at about that time. The Committee decided to consider the matter further in executive session the following day.

At this time, staff members were invited to join the Executive Committee for its general session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On Motion of Father Shean, minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated by mail.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

You have had mailed out to you your last quarterly report for the three months ending June 30. That should bring you up to date. We have lived within our budget; we have kept our promises to the states. Fred Routh has got the states going in an acceptable direction. We have raised an unexpected $17,000, specifically for the program which John Hope is putting on. That $17,000 almost gets us over the hump toward qualifying for the next year's grant from the Fund for the Republic. We are over the hump on funds for the central office budget. Anything the Finance Committee can raise can probably go for next year.

You have got the people here who manage the various phases of our work. I suggest you hear from them.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Harold Fleming stated that the Executive Committee had received the report dated July 3, and that he would not attempt to repeat that report.

Two points were brought out about the director: First, Dr. Mitchell prepared a brief article for the Fund for the Republic, which was picked up and editorialized by Life magazine. Secondly, the famous "map talk" is being put on film by the Presbyterians U.S.A., under their social action program.

Under the fact-finding program, Mr. Fleming reported that a survey of specific instances of desegregation since 1954 had been completed. The Fund for the Republic contemplates putting out a paper-back edition which would include both reports, the South and the non-South. Copies will be available for the Council, and it can make such use of the materials as it sees fit. In any case, it will be released to the press, and it should get some public attention. It might do something to help clear the air a bit, counteracting some of the negative publicity on this subject.

Harold Fleming then outlined studies which are in progress: A study of the industrialization of the South is being conducted by Hammer & Company, industrial consultants. Another study underway concerns the Negro vote. One field worker is searching in the field of resistance movements; another is working on trade unions and race relations. On the latter the Council is cooperating on another study which is under the official sponsorship of the AFL-CIO, the main part of which is being financed by the Fund for the Republic.

REPORT ON STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Fred Routh distributed copies of a written report, and then outlined progress of the various organizations, state by state. As "Exhibit B," Mr. Routh presented figures for the budgeting of funds the staff may recommend to be made available to the state groups during the next budget year. Then followed a lengthy discussion of what was considered to be a fundamental question: whether to continue to distribute the funds to state organizations on an "even-steven" basis, or to adjust the funds according to the performance of the organizations. Father Shean pointed out that some state directors are facing the decision as to whether to look for another job. Mr. Brazeal said that careful consideration should be given to the continuance of clerks, for often these are key persons.

Mr. Hunter raised a question about the amount of time a state staff should spend in fund-raising. Mr. Routh replied that fund-raising has been the responsibility of the boards in each state, but that in the cases where the board has not assumed the responsibility, the staff has been forced to do so.

A discussion of the situation in Mississippi was postponed until after the arrival of Dr. Parrish, who had made a trip to that state with Fred Routh. It was decided to continue the consideration of the whole question of finances of state organizations after that report.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Mrs. Tilly distributed copies of a written report on her May trip to Birmingham, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, and commented on her experiences. She stated that a southwide meeting of church women is set for October 30-31. Additional funds are needed for putting on this meeting, and for follow-up work afterwards. The church women are the key, said Mrs. Tilly; they have the courage, but they have no money.

Dr. Mitchell reported that a request for funds for this work was made to Rockefeller following the last meeting, but it was denied. Josephine Wilkins commented that the women's work has a special appeal. Paul Christopher spoke of the need for getting more interest on the part of the churches. It was decided to postpone until a later time in the meeting further discussion of financing of the program with church women.

Mrs. Tilly said that there is need for a new leaflet on the subject of "The Bible and Race" and that this is in progress. Mr. Dabbs mentioned that the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen is preparing material on this subject.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Alexander reminded the committee that the audit for the last three months had been sent out by mail. She passed around copies of a "Statement of Income Raised Anew" for the period October 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, attached. She reported that since the Statement was prepared, an additional $1,200 had been received, reducing the balance to be raised by September 30 (to be eligible for the 1956-57 grant from the Fund for the Republic) to $5,814.03.

Mr. Brazeal asked what specific efforts are being made to raise this sum, and Dr. Mitchell said that he hoped an expected grant from the AFL-CIO would largely cover it.

BUDGET

At this time the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year was presented, with explanatory remarks by Mrs. Alexander and Dr. Mitchell. After further discussion, the Executive Committee received the budget and commended the manner in which it was presented.

Motion (Shean-Wilkins): It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Executive Committee urge the members of the Board to make contributions or secure further contributions for the support of the central office, as per the resolution of February 17, 1955.

Paul Christopher suggested that a letter such as this might go to Board members; "From the 50 at-large Board members, we had hoped to raise a total of not less than $4,500. Contributions have not come in from approximately 30 Board members. We are hoping to raise this amount of money from our Board members."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Then followed a discussion of the Finance Committee. It was reported that a memorandum had been sent to that Committee on June 18. Its activity, stated Dr. Mitchell, hangs on filling the post of Treasurer. We are willing to turn in and write more letters and do what the Treasurer tells us to do, he continued, but we need the Treasurer to tell us.

Dr. Mitchell said that we have been staving off destruction by rescue actions by different foundations for the last twenty years. Josephine Wilkins said that she thought foundations are going to have to be in the picture for a long time to come.

Paul Christopher said, "I think we are missing money that we could get." He then described his plan of keeping a list of around a hundred people in Knoxville who are willing to give $5.00 or $10.00 to a cause when he asks them. He explained that he calls the person by telephone first, to let them know that he is going to visit them about the matter. Each time he does this, he continued, some of them say "Don't come!" and promise the money immediately. (This was received by tactless guffaws from those present, and the hint that money was being put forward to avoid seeing Paul Christopher.)*

NEXT MEETING

Josephine Wilkins suggested that in view of Dr. Mitchell's announcement, and other pressing matters, a meeting of the Executive Committee should be held in September.

Motion (Shean-Wilkins): It was moved, seconded, and passed that the members of the Executive Committee be polled to determine whether September 14-15 or September 21-22 would be more acceptable dates, and that the staff arrange a meeting accordingly.

The meeting then recessed for dinner.

The Executive Committee reconvened for the evening session at 7:30 p.m. Harold Fleming led off with a review of the subject which has been headed "White House Interest."

WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

At the last meeting, he recalled, the Executive Committee instructed the staff to take steps looking toward a statement from the President of the United States that would recognize the work of the Council at this time. This has been a complicated effort, but within the last week a conference was held with presidential advisers.

The result of this meeting, according to Mr. Fleming's report, was an expression of enthusiastic interest in developing a presidential message to SRC that would encourage people of good will in the region. The SRC would be expected to arrange publicity and editorial comment commensurate with the importance of the message.

*Interpolation by the stenographer for the meeting, Mrs. Courtney Siceloff, formerly secretary to the Executive Director of SRC.

Discussion followed of the kind of occasion which might provide an opportunity for such a message. Father Shean asked if the date could be changed for Mrs. Tilly's meeting with church women, so that a statement could be tied in with it, but it was felt that plans for that meeting had gone too far for a change in date.

After considerable further discussion, it was agreed:

1. That it would be unwise and impracticable to arrange a special occasion before November.

2. That the staff should seek to elicit a presidential message on the occasion of the 12th annual meeting, November 14, 1956 .

Motion (Shean-Wilkins): It was moved, seconded, and passed that in view of the special circumstances which are facing the Southern Regional Council, in view of the fact that we do not have the appropriate opportunity to manufacture a special occasion at this time of year, that we instruct Harold Fleming to pursue a course that a statement be issued at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council.

REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

Mr. G. S. Alexander presented the following report on Board and Committee membership:

As of this date the Council has 77 Board members, of which 12 are ex-officio members (state chairmen); 12 are state representatives; 5 are officers and 48 are regular elected members. Of the 48 regular elected members, 23 are in the class of 1957 and 25 are in the class of 1956.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee two members have resigned (R. B. Atwood, Frankfort, Kentucky, 7/13/56; Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Georgia, 6/5/56). Mr. Joseph Haas was elected to the office of Counsel and thus becomes a member of the Board.

According to the by-laws of the Council, our membership of 48 is two less than the maximum number of 50 members that the Council may have at any one time.

At present, the Executive Committee has 9 members in addition to 5 officers of the corporation.

Motion (Dabbs-Griffin): It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Executive Committee accept with regret the resignations offered by Mr. Atwood and Mr. Haas.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Mimeographed sheets were distributed which outlined proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council.

The Executive Committee approved, for recommendation to the Board, the proposed changes as follows, to Article VI, Section 1:

At Present

Article VI. Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director and the assistant directors need not be members at the time of their election, but by virtue of their office shall become ex-officio members of the corporation, with all the privileges of such members. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary need not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Section 13 of this Article. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Proposed Change:

Article VI. Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; a treasurer; or a secretary-treasurer. The president, vice-presidents, and treasurer shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director, assistant directors, and secretary-treasurer shall not be members of the corporation. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, but if filled separately, the secretary shall not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director, assistant directors, secretary-treasurer and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided in Article II, Section 8.

Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council at any regular or special meeting.

Addition:

Article VI, Section 8A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sections 7 and 8 may be assigned to one person. This person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer, and will be under the general supervision of the Executive Director.

Motion (Wilkins-Shean): It was moved, seconded and passed that the central office staff be instructed to draft a proposed change in the by-laws for presentation to the Executive Committee in September which will achieve this purpose: to empower the Executive Committee to fill vacancies within the Executive Committee from among members of the Board of Directors between annual meetings, subject to confirmation of the succeeding annual meeting.

LEGAL AID

After a review of the action taken at a previous meeting regarding legal aid for state Board members or staff, the following motion was passed:

Motion (Shean-Brazeal): It was moved, seconded and passed that the Committee agree to pay the balance of the attorney's fee of Guy Wells.

REVIEW OF STATE LAWS AFFECTING VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

This subject had been discussed under Fred Routh's report.
Duncan Hunter: Do we have to work this out on a state level as to whether gifts are tax-deductible? We are in a quandary as to whether to raise this question at this moment in the state of Alabama.

Dr. Mitchell: You should apply for your own tax-exemption. You could delay it a few months.

Harold Fleming: An organization may assume that it has tax-exemption, but it does so at the risk of later having it challenged, and having the donors be required to pay taxes on their contributions.

Fred Routh: Until there is more clarity on this question, we are advising states to hold off on the applications for tax-exemption.

AID TO STATES

Discussion was reopened on the question of allocation of funds to state organizations.

Dabbs: What we are really saying is that the states which used and appreciated an integrated staff we will help, and those which didn't do it, we will help to keep going with a white staff.

Brazeal: Where we have only a director and a clerk, I think we should advise the organization to use consultants on an interracial basis. That would establish an example of interracial working-together and it would make the director aware of his responsibility.

Motion (Shean-Brazeal): It was moved, seconded and passed that further discussion of this topic be postponed until Fred Routh brings in a report as to how these funds may be practically distributed, within a formula for 25 per cent latitude, or some other proposed latitude.

On motion of Josephine Wilkins, the meeting was adjourned until the following day.

The Executive Committee reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on July 22, 1956.

On motion, the following resolution was approved by the Executive Committee:

> BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee that the central staff of the Southern Regional Council shall have the authority to modify the proposed allocation of funds to any state affiliate, as outlined in Memo #1 for the third fiscal period; such modification not to exceed 25 per cent.

MISSISSIPPI

Fred Routh then reviewed for the Executive Committee some of the difficulties which have arisen in the Mississippi state organization. He said that the situation in Mississippi had deteriorated to the point where there was a lack of confidence between the staff and the Mississippi Board. Fred Routh's visit to Mississippi, with C. H. Parrish, led him to the following conclusions: (1) The Board was never able to pull itself together as a cohesive group; (2) the Board is not representative of the people of the state; and (3) the Board has not assumed its proper responsibility in terms of program direction or program planning.

C. H. Parrish sketched in further background material. He told of personality difficulties relating to the staff, and of the difficulty of carrying on an interracial organization in that state, with the office located in a Negro neighborhood. Harold Fleming pointed out that Mississippi is the one state organization that has never announced its efforts in the press.

Fred Routh read for the group several letters from members of the Mississippi Board, giving their views of the problem.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made by Mr. Brazeal, seconded by Father Shean, and passed:

Motion: The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, taking into account the mutual responsibility of a central organization and its state affiliates, instructs the staff of the Southern Regional Council as follows: When it finds any state organization less than satisfactory, after systematic program review and assessment (the terms of which shall be notified in advance) to place that organization in provisional status for a stated period, at the end of which time, on the decision of the Executive Committee, funds may be withheld.

CONSULTANT PROGRAM

John Hope reported on the consultant program. Most states, he said, have been very much interested in this type of assistance. He described the workshop held in South Carolina, which included members of the state Board and other key persons, with 39 in attendance. The state organization was pleased with the outcome of this meeting, and reported that it had already drawn in new blood as a result.

Another development in Florida was significant. One of the objections to Board-staff workshops is that it is a pretty expensive proposition. In Florida we had the workshop one day; at the end of that time, the Board went into its meeting, and the consultants sat in. This device combined a training session with the Board meeting, and the state was willing to pay the expenses of its Board members.

Looking into the future, there is the plan of using the consultant program to plan meetings with local school boards. We are canvassing local persons with the idea of expanding our consultant program for such a purpose. If one or two of these properly develop, I would like to make the offer to all the states.

One other point I would like to bring up is the role of individual consultants in states. I think in the next several months we might canvass the states from the point of view of individual consultant service, rather than the workshop idea. That might be an important development when states begin to realize that they are being judged on the basis of objective criteria. The question there would be the division of expense between the states and SRC.

Another question is the use of consultants in the speaking role. I don't know whether that is the proper function of the consultant service program or not. If it is, the question is whether it is part of the budgeted program or not. . . . That opens a much wider area for consultants. My only question is whether that is the most effective use of our resources.

(At this point Mr. Dabbs counseled, "See that the consultant doesn't get confused as to whether he is to make a speech or be a consultant!)

Hope: That is one reason why I hesitate to use consultants in this way. (Then followed a discussion of whether the publicity attending a speech would give the consultant a "name" and detract from his effectiveness as a consultant.)

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that C. H. Parrish is the "daddy" of the consultant service program; that it has been splendidly administered by John Hope, with no attempt to influence the program by Parrish. This, he stated, was an ideal father-son relationship.

Paul Christopher felt that the consultant program should have publicity in New South, so that its usefulness could be extended.

Motion (Shean Wilkins): It was moved, seconded and passed that John Hope, in consultation with Harold Fleming, prepare an article for New South on the consultant program.

EVALUATION

The staff distributed copies of a first draft of a proposed appeal letter to the Fund for the Republic for renewal of its grant. Dr. Mitchell explained that the letter was not in any final form but that it had been mimeographed at the suggestion of Marion Wright.

Miss Wilkins: Shouldn't we hold up this letter until after September? Dr. Mitchell talked about the lean years. The Fund for the Republic came and touched us with its fairy wand. Then came the impact of the Supreme Court decision. Now we have to look at the future of the Council in the light of the announcement Dr. Mitchell has made to us here. It seems to me this letter should be held up until we come to grips with the situation we face. We have got to re-evaluate the whole thing.

Dr. Mitchell asked, "Would you like to ask definitely for money to cover the work of church women?" The group's answer was yes.

Then followed a lengthy discussion of the question of evaluating the effectiveness of the Council. John Griffin raised the question of having an outsider come in and evaluate the program. Harold Fleming said that such an evaluation would be helpful if there were enough time and money for it. He pointed out that Frank Loescher's sympathetic and inquiring approach had provided the sort of thing that was being talked about. Fred Routh said that Bob Johnson, one of SRC's consultants, who is with the American Friends Service Committee, has drawn up two memos on what a good organization should be doing.

Motion (Shean-Wilkins): It was moved, seconded and passed that the Council make use of the memos of Bob Johnson.

Harold Fleming said, "I think we have a great potential in our Executive Committee. They are experienced in all details; there is a freshness in their reactions and suggestions which is valuable to the staff." There was general agreement that the Executive Committee could play an effective role in evaluation.

After further discussion, the central office staff was asked to redraft the appeal letter to the Fund for the Republic and to circulate the new draft to the Executive Committee before its next meeting.

LEGAL AID TO STATES

Dr. Mitchell described a memorandum which had been sent to state staff members on the subject of legal aid. He said, "Now you must say whether you are agreeable to state and central office staff being notified that they should be supported under extenuating circumstances."

Motion (Shean-Dabbs): It was moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Committee approve of this action of the staff, as according with the action of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING

After discussion about the place to be set for the annual meeting, the following motion was passed.

Motion (Shean-Dabbs): It was moved, seconded and passed that the staff take steps to arrange for the annual meeting to be held at one of these places: (1) Williamsburg, (2) Gatlinburg, and (3) Louisville, and that the staff be empowered to alternate the order if circumstances arise which make it necessary.

The staff was then excused for an Executive Session.

REPORTED MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

With respect to Dr. Mitchell's announcement to the meeting on July 20, the Executive Committee decided to appoint a five-member committee from among members of the Board of Directors to make a study of qualified personnel to succeed Dr. Mitchell as Executive Director, and to report to the September meeting of the Executive Committee. (This Committee is urged to feel perfectly free to consult with Dr. Mitchell about his successor.)

The Committee members chosen were: Dr. Rufus Clement, Chairman, Marion Wright, Josephine Wilkins, John Griffin, Dr. Albert Dent, and (if Dr. Dent cannot serve), John Wheeler.

As to Mrs. Tilly's special request for additional funds to finance the Southwide conference of Southern church women in October, 1956, (1) Father Shean agreed to contact Immanual Muravchik of the Jewish Labor Committee and to make a special request for up to $1,500. He will act on this next week, and will advise Dr. Mitchell. (2) Dr. Mitchell is requested to remind Dr. Clement to try another foundation, since the recommended contact was not productive, following the last Executive Committee meeting. (3) A special memo to Dr. Mitchell asking that the letter to the Board members asking for additional contributions should make mention of the fact that there is a very special need for up to $1,500 for this conference (church women) and that up to that amount will be earmarked for Mrs. Tilly's conference. (NOTE: If Father Shean gets the $1,500, then all the money we get from Board members will go to the general fund.) (4) Josephine Wilkins agreed to speak very earnestly with Mrs. Tilly and convey the feeling of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Tilly should be asked to solicit funds for these conferences from her own church women delegates and contacts.

Executive Session Minutes Dictated by
Paul Christopher, Acting Chairman

Statement of Income Raised Anew
This Fiscal Year
October 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals	$ 3,030.00	
Organizations	2,996.00	
Churches	2,370.00	
Foundations	30,500.00	
Total Contributions		$ 38,896.00
OTHER INCOME:		
SRC Dues (Associates)	311.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	5,016.67	
Sale of Literature	1,215.32	
Honoraria	959.80	
Interest Income	1,587.00	
Total, Other Income		9,089.79
TOTAL INCOME TO JUNE 30, 1956		$ 47,985.79

Total amount to be raised to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from FFR	$ 55,000.00
Less: Amount raised to June 30, 1956	47,985.79
Balance to be raised by September 30, 1956	$ 7,014.03

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

September 21, 1956

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., September 21st, in the Conference Room, Harkness Hall, Atlanta University, by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mr. A. W. Dent
Mr. John Griffin
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Father Maurice Shean
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams

Staff members present were:

George S. Mitchell
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Frederick B. Routh
John Hope
John Constable
G. S. Alexander
Elizabeth Brantley

Invocation by Father Maurice V. Shean. The Minutes of the meeting of July 20-21, as previously mailed to members of the Committee, were approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was postponed until later in the afternoon.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Mitchell. Executive Committee met carefully in July -- August is a dull month and not much happens. Compressed the reports of staff members, and said that they, in turn, would report in more detail: nine states at least will meet fund-raising quotas; Mrs. Tilly has very important meeting coming up in October; Harold Fleming has sent in opus of fact-finding on the degree of desegregation since the Supreme Court decision; John Hope has got going again with teaching people in the states how to do. As to money: required to raise $55,000 this year (October 1, 1955 - October 1, 1956) to draw next year's money from the Fund for the Republic and has raised $57,000 or $58,000; helped greatly by providential sums -- New World Foundation, $17,000, for John Hope's

program; and $5,000 from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation; around $45,000 is available (though bits are in special pockets for specific purposes) for several months in the coming fiscal year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander submitted to members of the Executive Committee the report of the state organizations' fund-raising efforts during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Dabbs. Do state organizations receive credit for subscriptions to New South obtained in that state? Said the report from South Carolina he last saw showed around $3600 or more collected; nearly $600 of that was for New South subscriptions.

Mrs. Alexander. Figures shown on chart [attached] were inclusive of August amount only, and that perhaps the next report from South Carolina would show the amount as stated by Mr. Dabbs.

Mr. Dent. Question re contents of letter dated August 7, 1956, as mentioned in column 2 of the state organizations' mimeo'd report.

Mrs. Alexander. Letter referred to amount to be raised pro rata by each state organization, in conformity with amount from SRC.

Mr. Dent. If state organizations do not raise quotas, would they be given the full amount?

Mr. Routh. Last fiscal year further funds were withheld for days or weeks from North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky, which states had not met quotas. After they met their quotas, SRC resumed assistance to them.

HOST REMARKS

Mr. Clement. Very pleased to see members of the Executive Committee and central staff present. Doubled in case of Paul Williams, former President of the SRC, now reelected as Vice-President and therefore a member of the Committee.

Mr. Clement has talked by long distance with Mr. Wright a couple of days ago. Mr. Wright regretted that his wife's illness made it impossible for him to be at this meeting.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BUDGET

Mr. Alexander distributed copies of a comparison of the 1955-56 budget with actual income and expenditures as of August 31, 1956. Stated that total expenditure to date ($88,006.64) represents 94.7 per cent of total budget for 1955-56. [attached]

Mr. Mitchell. Comparison sheet does not show $17,000 from the New World Foundation or $5,000 from Christopher Reynolds Foundation; ups total income by $22,000.

Mr. Williams. Estimate the prospects for next year from Marshall Field, Doris Duke, John Hay Whitney, and labor sources.

Mr. Mitchell. Marshall Field grant for three years -- next year is the last. Doris Duke has rule against any consecutive appropriations, but believe it is possible to get a one-year grant again. John Hay Whitney Foundation has notified SRC of provision for Mrs. Tilly in coming calendar year in the amount of $2,000. Labor should give $5,000, though Fred Routh believes SRC can get $25,000.

Mr. Mitchell. Practically sure to get $51,500 next year. Need to raise above that $26,000. Sum is $77,500. Of that nearly $45,000 will be on hand October 1st. Spending money next year: assuming that operations will be continued through the coming fiscal year as at present, salaries = $46,000, and for other items -- travel, communications, rent, etc. -- $85,000, exclusive of John Hope's program and exclusive of what might be added for fact-finding as is going on now. Add $7,000 more for John Hope ("and I would be in favor of adding a good deal more") and $5,000 for fact-finding, get a grand total of $100,000, including $3,500 for meetings, etc. Staff can probably fit together $75,000. Somebody has got to find $25,000 more than is in sight.

Mr. Dent. How much found this year in areas which you have not included?

Mr. Mitchell. $60,000 outside of grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Mr. Dent. Aside from what is included in estimate of $75,000 which staff might fit together, how much of $25,000 would be from sources from which money was received this year?

Mr. Mitchell. Only such source is New World Foundation.

DISCUSSION OF STAFF MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1956
RE FUTURE OF SRC AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1957

Each member of the Executive Committee had received a copy of the memo in the mails. Mr. Fleming was asked by Dr. Mitchell to speak for the staff.

Mr. Fleming. Memo is self-evident. Made longer than most so that it would be fairly self-explanatory.

All Committee members had read the memo and discussion proceeded.

Mr. Dent. Memo suggests a revision of the present structure. Can see some virtue in so doing, but would like to have stronger arguments about it before supporting it. Memo suggests emphasis on central operation rather than as at present emphasizing state organizations.

Mr. Clement. Whatever is decided about the memorandum as being an acceptable and wise program will not alter the present method of operation which continues through September 30, 1957.

At this point the Committee asked that the motion made at the Tuskegee meeting (November 9, 1955) be read: "On motion by Miss Josephine Wilkins, the staff was directed to submit to the Executive Committee at an early meeting, not later than the April meeting, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the Fund for the Republic."

Mr. Dent. Would like the staff to speak to the point of why SRC can conduct an operation more effectively through a centralized rather than through a state organizations agency.

Mr. Fleming. First, this is discussion of proposals for the period after completion of the present grant -- that is, after September, 1957. It is not conceived as a reversal in the sense of withdrawing aid previously committed to state organizations; the original commitments will have been carried out during the three years, ending October 1, 1957. It is a future effort by the Council which is essential in protecting investment made during those years. In the past two years, we have committed the regional movement pretty largely to subsidy, strengthening and working with state groups. Of the four Assistant Directors whose views are incorporated in this memo, three are directly, or almost exclusively, concerned with state organizations, and the other is concerned to some extent. That is one quick index to our emphasis on decentralization. None of us feels that this has been the wrong emphasis. But what has happened since the Supreme Court's decision was made justifies some reorientation. The opposition to integration has been unified and elevated to a much higher level of organization than it was before. Resistance movements are inter-state in character -- as evidenced by recent events in Tennessee and Kentucky. Propaganda is nationwide and reaches other parts of the world (such things as the Southern Manifesto, and airing the views of leading segregationists through mass media). National opinion has been markedly influenced by this powerful, concerted inter-state resistance in the South. An outstanding example was the appearance in U. S. News and World Report of a document critical of Negro intelligence. Also, the way in which the trend in the South has been interpreted nationally. These are matters of concern.

At the "Hard-Core" Conference, the impression of the staff was that state groups -- while they have worked hard and the central office has been trying to help them -- feel quite frustrated. With reason, because the broad forces supporting segregation have tied their hands, silenced their potential allies, and cut off some of the funds that might have been hoped for, hampering their working out any sort of effective local programs. They cry, "What can we do when all opinion and official power are so strongly directed the other way?" We feel that we are going to have to do more than is possible under the present arrangements to reach and influence and contribute to some of the broader forces that are shaping the total situation.

There is a tendency to look to the central office for professional service, for program, for guidance -- in short, for full national operation. Many state groups feel quite dependent upon the central office for assistance. Consider the expectations of our own policy group. In Executive Committee meetings the discussion continuously turns to the SRC and its staff and what it is doing to broaden its sphere of activity and influence. In the face of these expectations and needs, central staff feels quite frustrated at times because so much of its time and resources are directed toward being an advisory body.

Mr. Dabbs. You are recommending a sort of cutting loose of state groups, and also an attempt to influence opinion more than we have. Suppose we do need to do those things; why do you have to change from state organizations?

Mr. Fleming. What is being proposed is nothing new -- only that we fulfill our commitments under the grant for the three-year period. It was originally agreed that after three years the states would be free. However some additional support should be offered by the Council in some form of grants-in-aid. As to affiliated status at the end of the three-year period, the state groups will have benefitted about as much as they can by having a dependent relationship to the Council through direct subsidy. Beyond that period such a relationship would stultify rather than lead to growth. Mr. Fleming further said that the Council probably cannot get resources to do what it has done in terms of services to the state groups, and to do a program job through its own staff for the central office also. About the same thing applies to the difficulty of getting enough skilled people to do a job. This memo (1) provides aid for the states, keeping cooperative and friendly relationships, and (2) puts the state organizations on their mettle. Remember, too, that we have one further year of direct aid to the states, during which they should grow stronger and more self-sufficient.

Question. After the three-year period the states would be on their own, but would they be free to come to the central office for assistance?

Mr. Fleming. Yes. But assistance would be given on the basis of merit, rather than on relationship. We would continue giving the state groups services, but hope that we would not have to be quite so exclusive about the consultant services; services to be made available on the basis of need, but not limited or directed solely to the state organizations.

Father Shean. There is need for heavier regional concentration. Met in Washington recently with representatives of other similar organizations to discuss means of cooperating and coordinating in this particular field. Main question: "What can these organizations do to help implement the Supreme Court's decision." Discussed the need of perhaps another coordinating agency, perhaps built up with a small staff to do just what has been proposed in the central office staff memo. Forty-six organizations were represented at the Washington meeting. Emphasized to them the practical means at hand to persuade everybody to work on a local basis together, so that each group would not feel as if it were working alone. At present there is no clearing house, nobody who can be a total guide so to speak, and here is something that seems a great need for and of the moment. The reorganizational memo is concerned with a structure which might provide such cooperation.

Miss Wilkins. Is there a proposal to set up such a new organization?

Father Shean. Matter was referred to a committee. Father Shean is a member of the committee.

Miss Wilkins. Would it not be a good idea to sell the Southern Regional Council to them on this basis?

Father Shean: This could be done, but at the time of the meeting did not have the staff memo before me.

Mr. Hope. Southern Regional Council is in a unique position to become a channel for regional and national organizations. Under the proposed reorganization, each state's program findings could flow normally through into each of the other eleven states. There would be the assumption that a state organization is active in a state and is performing efficiently and a good vehicle. But it would not be awkward, and now sometimes it is, for the central office to go into a state and take some sort of action.

Mr. Williams. Was it not a part of the original proposal to the Fund for the Republic that there was a great deal of need for the state organizations?

Mr. Fleming. Purpose then was quite legitimate. Supreme Court was going to rule, and it was felt that once the principle of integration was established, implementation would break down into many

varying local problems. Developments have not followed this pattern, and we need a stronger central organization to work for acceptance of the principle itself.

Mr. Clement. In personal contacts with the Fund for the Republic people, the Fund for the Republic feels that this is a logical turn for us in the light of the change which has taken place in Southern affairs. It will not by any means harm program by revising our method of operation to meet the situation.

Mr. Griffin. It is a bit too optimistic to assume that the work will flow on. The state organizations might find that they are up against the same things that the Council has been up against in times past.

Mr. Fleming. Question is whether it would be found that the work in the state groups would pay off better if most of the energies and resources were thrown into direct support, or if the energies and resources were directed toward creating an effective climate for compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. Most of the state organizations should survive -- will have a tough time, but most can continue to produce fairly effective programs under the new arrangements.

Question. How many do you think will be able to continue with present professional staff?

Mr. Fleming. Relying on information from Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish, most will continue.

Mr. Routh. Roughly eight of the states can continue with professional staff -- perhaps nine.

Mr. Fleming. A generous sum is being made available to each state during the coming fiscal year, which sum should be a pretty good boost in the next year. At end of next year hopes to feel pretty confident that the states could make it on their own.

Mr. Parrish. Might have effective Board persons in one state and a weak staff person, or vice versa in others. Each state has its own particular difficulties.

Mr. Dent. During the last two years we have been building techniques for dealing with an emphasis upon state organizations. If we propose to build an organization which places the major emphasis on regional operation, what does that imply from the standpoint of techniques, and what does it imply from the standpoint of staff structure?

Mr. Fleming. Staff is hardly in position to evaluate itself. However, there is nothing in this memo which does not grow out of the present situation as we see it. Every one of the activities listed represents areas in which the staff has felt needs. The staff has been

able to do something -- though not enough to be more than somewhat frustrating -- to show the possibility for much more activity along those lines. The Council possesses the knowledge and insight into techniques that would be needed. It would call for a reevaluation of the total staff structure, because what is suitable for one approach and what is suitable for another may be quite different. Not prepared today to submit any suggestions re specific reorganization of staff and structure. It needs to be worked out with great care and consideration by the Executive Committee with such help as the staff can give it. Some of the things we are now doing are adaptable to this approach. For example, the consultants' service program as directed by John Hope. This kind of service should by no means be restricted to the state affiliates. It could be very effectively applied in a number of different cases. SRC activities could be broken down into these general classes: (1) executive and administrative, concerned with organizational matters as such; (2) two different classes of program activities: (a) area of information, and (b) area of field services -- both in the broad sense. In information, the Council has sought to do a good deal right along, in addition to the state organizations' job.

Mr. Mitchell. It is an arrangement whereby state organizations can continue to survive and do a good job. There will be some situations in which a state organization partially survives, someone being paid a per diem fee from this office to go into a state and service some special need.

Mr. Clement. Subsidy could be given directly as the need arose to a particular state.

Mr. Routh. C. H. Parrish and I have participated in some programs outside of the SRC state organizations; specifically work in states where affiliates are not available.

Mr. Fleming. There is a great demand for this sort of work now, and it is greater than SRC can now conscientiously supply without sacrificing some of its present obligations.

Mr. Dent. What are the implications to such staff as we have or may develop after October, '57 in this suggestion of a change in emphasis? It could very well be that your techniques for working with the type of people you have in the state organizations might be quite different in working with YMCA, B'nai B'rith, etc.,people.

Mr. Griffin. In one specific area it is implied that additional skilled research interpretation would be obtained.

Mr. Hope. As of now the consultants service program depends upon request from a state for assistance. That implies that if an organization does not ask for assistance none can be given in that state. In one particular state there is a great deal of unrest and I have received requests from the Congregational Church and others to put people into that section to work on integration. As it stands now, the consultants can do very little. What is needed, and is offered by the staff memo, is more flexibility.

Mr. Fleming. There is an increasing need for developing, not only general information for mass distribution, but specific information for specific purposes based upon new research or fact-finding. This has been tried on a small scale with pretty good results. But presently SRC does not have the time or staff or resources to do a really effective job. Could farm out certain aspects of the research which would be used directly in program.

Father Shean. Do persons presently members of the staff of SRC possess qualifications needed to carry on an operation of this sort?

Mr. Fleming. I believe so, but there will be additional staff needs.

Mr. Clement. Out of this discussion the Executive Committee hopes to formulate recommendations to the Board as to the sort of program which should go on after October, 1957 -- maybe something in the interim -- and as to the new Director, beginning January 16, 1957. When those two things have been done, the Executive Committee will need the help of the new Director in setting up the structure necessary to facilitate whatever program may be agreed upon. We will then need to work at staff needs and staff personnel to fit whatever program is agreed upon to operate until October, 1957, and after. In position now to formulate ideas as to (1) structure, (2) function and program, and (3) as to the selection of a new Executive Director. The Board can do whatever it pleases with whatever recommendation we make. When the new Director takes office before the end of the grant period, there will be a time when we will have to reexamine program and staff and bring into conformity.

Mr. Dabbs. If we decide to approve the plan as presented in the memo, can formal approach be made to the Fund for the Republic until the Board has met to back up our proposal?

Mr. Mitchell. There's no urgency about it. If we get a letter to the Fund for the Republic shortly before January 1, 1957, we are in pretty good shape.

Further discussion followed on the presentation of the memorandum to the Annual Meeting. It was felt that the memo should be mailed to Board members well in advance of the November meeting so that they would have a chance to study it and come to the meeting prepared to make recommendations if any.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approves in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September, 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program.

Upon motion it was agreed that the Committee would go into Executive Session after adjournment of the present session.

Mr. Alexander presented to the Committee, for its approval, the proposed wording for a scroll which is to be presented to Leonard Haas at the Annual Meeting.

Session adjourned.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m., September 21, 1956.

RE LEONARD HAAS

The Chairman of the Executive Committee reported that in Executive Session the Committee had approved the wording of the scroll which will be presented to Leonard Haas at the Annual Meeting in November.

APPROVAL OF STAFF ACTION RE ALLOCATION TO STATES ACCORDING TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT FORMULA

Mr. Routh. All states in fiscal 1955-56 had available money for employment of professional staff on an interracial basis. Those who had so employed professional staff will be protected. Some received $10,000 for two full-time directors, and others received $7,500 for salary of an executive and for secretarial help. The states having received $10,000 were Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas. Those receiving $7,500 were Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Virginia. Of $100,000 from the Fund for the Republic, total expenditure of $97,500. Balance of $2,500 could be used at discretion of central office. Reason for holding Mississippi out is because Mississippi was put on probationary status at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. The total of $2,500 comes within the twenty-five per cent variable which the Executive Committee allowed to staff for state organizations.

Mr. Mitchell. Question arises because we undertook nearly three years ago to provide each state with even-steven assistance. The further we get the more we are convinced that our aid should be tailor-made. We made very special effort to enable each state to employ a Negro and a white professional staff person. We have done our best to stand behind continued employment for the added personnel.

Upon motion the Executive Committee unanimously approved the staff action re allocation to states according to the twenty-five per cent formula.

MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL'S PROBATIONARY STATUS

Mr. Routh had hoped that it would be possible for an organization to function in that state. Board's first chairman was dedicated and a good man -- Rabbi Mantinband. Next person was a good person and a fine

lady -- Mrs. Ratliff. In spite of this the Board had difficulty in relating to the chief staff person. Repeated complaints came into the central office re inability of the organization to function as it should. Mr. Routh and Mr. Parrish made an emergency trip to Mississippi to discuss with the Board current difficulties. From that trip Messrs. Routh and Parrish drew up a memo outling difficulties.

Mr. Routh. Recommended to the Executive Committee that, after due consideration he and Mr. Parrish feel that the condition has not been sufficiently improved to warrant continued support from the central office to the Council in Mississippi.

Discussion by Messrs. Parrish, Dent, Clement, Fleming, Shean, Routh, and Brazeal.

Mr. Routh read from the joint statement of the Mississippi Council, beginning at the point discussing the charge of lack of staff efficiency:

"We have considered this carefully, careful investigation was made, and we have been unable to get any appreciable report. No complaints have at any time been made to the Board of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations of staff inefficiency, and the Board members are unaware of personality problems."

Discussion established that complaints were made to the central office and not to the Board of the Mississippi Council. Mr. Routh stated that the situation was probably due to both staff and Board indirection.

The Southern Regional Council staff had been directed to make recommendation as to what disposition should be made of the Mississippi Council, and Mr. Routh did so as follows:

"After a thorough review of the activities of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and the prevailing climate of attitudes and pattern of practices in the state, the assistant directors for state organizations respectfully recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that: (1) the Board and Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations should be notified that our financial support of the MCHR will be terminated as of January 1, 1957; and (2) that should MCHR fail to meet its minimum requirement in fund-raising for the 1955-56 fiscal year, that funds be withheld as of October 1, 1956."

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that the staff recommendation re discontinuance of aid to the Mississippi Council on Human Relations be approved.

Mr. Mitchell. Stated that there was a possibility that Arkansas would be placed on provisional status because of failure to raise sufficient funds -- that too rests with the Committee.

Mr. Parrish. Raising a certain amount of money is not an adequate criterion for evaluation of a state organization.

Mr. Routh. All are agreed that Arkansas has excellent program. This creates the problem of cutting off an organization which has an effective program.

Mr. Clement. Presents question of whether the Committee wishes to apply the mechanical device set up by the motion of the July 20-21 meeting without regard to program underway, or whether it wishes to allow the staff of the central office leeway in the prosecution of the resolution.

Further discussion followed, after which the following resolution was unanimously approved:

We reaffirm the action taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting August 16, 17, 1955, in which the Executive Committee recognizes its responsibility in requiring the states to meet their pro rata share within each fiscal year, and that in 1956 the staff be given power to use its discretion as to states which might have this extended one month -- to October 31st.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At the last meeting (July 20-21, 1956) the staff was instructed to bring in a proposed change in the by-laws for presentation to the Board to empower the Executive Committee to fill vacancies within the Executive Committee from among members of the Board of Directors between annual meetings, subject to confirmation of the succeeding annual meeting.

Mr. Alexander presented the following change, which was upon motion unanimously approved: (Article V, Section 1)

At Present:	Proposed Change:
.... Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.	.... Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Board.

UNUSED STATE FUNDS

Mr. Mitchell. Requests authority from the Committee to make available to Virginia and to Tennessee some money this year, which we quite understand they will be using next year.

Mr. Routh. Tennessee has recently received $350 for local use out of their special emergency fund set up for them. The use of this money will actually carry over into the coming fiscal year. Comparable action was taken prior to October, 1955. Virginia has had an allocation of up to $12,500 for the 1955-56 fiscal year. They have used far less than that amount. They have now asked for additional funds out of the current allocation to hire special consultants to work in critical areas -- Fairfax County, Arlington, etc. A real push now for school integration might bring results in January. Dr. Mitchell has told the Committee that there is $10,200 leftover money from state programs, and he proposes that up to half of this money be made available, at the discretion of central office staff, for use among various state organizations.

Mr. Mitchell. This adds to the twenty-five per cent discretionary powers which were given to the central office at Frogmore. Now asking for another $5,000 of discretionary money. Money is available if the Executive Committee authorizes it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed to give the central office staff discretionary powers for using up to $5,000 of unexpended state funds, for assistance to state organizations in the coming fiscal year.

WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

Mr. Fleming. The April Executive Committee meeting instructed the staff to explore the possibility of a favorable statement from the President of the United States.

General opinion, after discussion, was that the matter should be taken up again.

PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SRC

Mr. Clement stated earlier in this meeting that the Executive Director would be leaving the Council in mid-January, 1957. At the last meeting a sub-committee was appointed to find a successor; report to be presented in Executive Session, and in turn to the Annual Meeting in November.

During the current session, the following occured.

Miss Wilkins. A committee should be appointed to prepare some kind of appropriate testimonials to the outgoing President and

Executive Director of SRC.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to be ready with appropriate resolutions in view of the services of the Executive Director and the President of the Council.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that bound volumes of New South, for all the years of Mr. Wright's service as President of the Council, be presented to Mr. Wright at the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee suggested that the Executive Director of the Council be authorized to telegraph to Mr. Wright expressing regret at Mr. Wright's absence from this meeting, and the reason therefor, and recognizing his services, and extending sympathies with his situation. So ordered.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session on Friday afternoon, the Executive Committee on motion adopted the plan of within-grade promotion as recommended by the Personnel Committee, herewith:

Executive Director -- $10,000 - $12,000

Assistant Directors -- $7,000- $ 9,000
($250 increments every year until top grade reached)
Administrative Assistant -- $6,000 - $8,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Secretary-Treasurer -- $4,000 - $6,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Stenographers -- $3,000 - $4,000
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

Clerical Assistants -- $2,700 - $3,200
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

Managing Editor of New South -- $5,000 -
(Upper limit not set by personnel committee. Recommend $5,000 - $6,500; $250 increments every year until top grade reached)

Research Assistant -- $4,000 -
(Job not yet classified by personnel committee. Recommend $4,000 - $5,500; $150 increments every year until top grade reached)

Director of Women's Work -- $5,000 - $6,500
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

Upon motion, approved recommendation of the special Nominating Committee for an Executive Director, (the Committee having been Marion Wright, Rufus Clement, George Mitchell, Josephine Wilkins, and John Griffin), and agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors the appointment of Harold Fleming as Executive Director to succeed George Mitchell, January 16, 1957.

Discussion in the Executive Session led to the conclusion that it would be well for a memo to be prepared by the staff with generous assistance from Harold Fleming giving a review of the program planning of the staff; such a memo would be sent out to members of the Board well in advance of the Board meeting November 14th; the memo would be consistent with whatever draft may later on result of a letter to the Fund for the Republic from the President of the Council requesting renewal of aid from that body after October 1, 1957.

Discussion revealed that members of the Executive Committee believed that a particularly helpful feature of the proposed memo would be comprehensive discussion about the desirability of continued primary emphasis on state organizations as against a more centralized operation.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Williamsburg, Virginia
November 14, 1956

The meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. in the basement of the Brick House Tavern, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Invocation by the Rev. J. Claude Evans

Board members present were:

Mrs. W. F. Bates
B. R. Brazeal
W. C. Brooke
I. H. Burney
Paul R. Christopher
Mrs. James S. Crate
C. S. Cartwright
James M. Dabbs
Herbert M. Davidson
A. W. Dent
Caxton Doggett
J. Claude Evans
M. Lafayette Harris
Duncan Hunter
A. L. Kidd
John R. Larkins
A. G. Moron
Mrs E. U. Robinson
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Charles A. Shaw
Mrs. E. M. Sparling
James E. Stewart
Mrs. Tommie Stroud
W. E. Solomon
Miss Florence Sytz
John H. Wheeler
Miss Josephine Wilkins
York Wilbern
Paul Williams
Marion A. Wright
Mrs. Morris Young
Thomas Young
Whitney Young, Sr.
John A. Griffin

Staff members present were:

George S. Mitchell
Harold C. Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
John Hope II
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
John Constable
Fred Routh
G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley

Mr. Gordon Hancock, our senior Vice-President, journeyed to Williamsburg for the announced second day of the meeting, but found the business had been concluded on the previous evening.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the Board having received mimeographed copies of the report some days before the meeting, it was upon motion unanimously agreed to, and all actions therein reported adopted and ratified.

TWO-MINUTE STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

Mr. Mitchell reported that eight or ten of the state organizations may be counted upon to endure. John Hope and C. H. Parrish found a new way to work -- the consultant service -- which succeeds. New South subscriptions now up to 5,000, mainly through the state organizations' memberships, and a circulation of about 6,000, which keeps growing. SRC, he said, used to struggle along on $35,000 and $40,000 a year. This year we will use for the central office a good $100,000. We have failed on one thing: we have never found a way to raise substantial amounts of money within the South.

As the Executive Director had previously by letter announced to the Board members his intent to resign as of January 15, 1957, he used this occasion to thank the members of the Board for their continuous and faithful support in the past ten years, and to bespeak their future similar support to his successor.

Mr. Mitchell then asked the leading staff members to report briefly.

Assistant Director for Information

Mr. Fleming stated that all of the Board members have been receiving quarterly reports, and thus a good part of the work of the information staff has been reported to them. In addition to the Council publication, New South, a good many books and other materials have received widespread distribution from the central office to people able to use them in their own interest groups, and also to members of the Board. Have done more in terms of press releases and mass media. This is a continuing function so long as the eyes of the nation are on the South and race relations in the South.

Facts gathered on desegregation in the South are incorporated into a booklet, Integration North and South, which, it is hoped, will combat some of the defeatism and discouragement among people who want to help. The status of Negro suffrage in the South, state by state, is being prepared into a region-wide summary. Have commissioned a small study of industrialization in the South. An analysis is being put into shape and some interesting conclusions will emerge as to what the racial implications are, and what documentation can help move economic leadership in the South. The results of a survey of "resistance" groups will be distributed shortly.

Mr. Fleming commended Miss Irving and Mr. Constable for their work as a part of the information staff.

In reply to Mr. Shaw's question, Mr. Mitchell said that releases were going to all persons that the two of them saw in Houston on a recent visit to that city by Mr. Mitchell. In reply to a question about an AP release on the desegregation survey out of Washington, Mr. Fleming said that all publicity was released by the Fund for the Republic, which published the booklet.

Mr. Dent commented on a dilemma faced by SRC: the need to get public credit as an aid to fund-raising, as opposed to the effectiveness of getting ideas and information quietly into the stream of public opinion. He expressed the hope that the need for credit would never prevent our doing the quiet, behind-the-scenes job. Mr. Mitchell said that that called for a double system of bookkeeping -- one in which we are invisible and one in which we are in evidence.

Assistant Directors for State Organizations

Mr. Parrish said that he has recently been concerned primarily with the consultant program and commented on some of the values from that program. The consultant program has pulled into the organization persons who otherwise would not have been involved. It has succeeded in separating the role of analyst and expert from the role of advocate. Visits to Mississippi in company with Fred Routh underlined the importance of evaluation criteria of work accomplished. Mr. Wright asked how far the directors have gone in evaluating the work of the state organizations. Mr. Parrish stated that, working on the theory that program is important, he has tried to separate certain objective criteria determining value of program from organizational structure; knowing how to involve people at different levels.

Mr. Routh said that two years of the three years of promised diminishing aid have been completed. We have felt our way along, as there were not many guide posts because of the nature of the states and the nature of the work. Have guided state organizations into being, with at least eleven organizations going at the present time. The Executive Committee, after hearing reports from the assistant directors, decided that the Mississippi Council on Human Relations had not gotten sufficiently off the ground to warrant further financial aid, and such aid would be terminated January 1, 1957. Tennessee has not gotten off the ground organizationally, but program-wise they have gotten a good start; the leadership of the new chairman there will pull things together.

Tailor-made aid is being given to the states during this current year on the basis of states which have secured integrated staff receiving more than those which have not, with no more than a twenty-five per cent variation from the norm, as empowered by the Executive Committee.

As to evaluation criteria, we have now learned what the problems are, and what significant programs there are in the states at this time. Now we are urging the groups toward greater autonomy. Most are assuming responsibility of guiding their own destinies and raising their own funds. Even Mississippi this year raised its $3500. Tennessee will

make it when it pulls its Board together and acquires staff.

Various questions were asked concerning withdrawing of aid from Mississippi: Does that mean that the Council is seceding from Mississippi? Does that mean that the Council was not able to secure leadership in Mississippi? Does the Mississippi group understand why they are not going to get money next year?

Mr. Routh stated that there was a problem of staff and Board relationship; leadership of the organization itself; Board composed of only about fourteen members; inadequacy of program. Mr. Routh further said that since Mississippi had been notified that aid would be discontinued, it had written the central office that it planned to continue as an organization on its own. Mr. Parrish stated that the decision to discontinue aid to Mississippi was made by the Executive Committee.

Assistant Director for Program

Mr. Hope stated that his primary responsibility is the direction of the consultant service program which aims at flexible corralling of a wide variety of highly qualified specialized skills that are available within and without the region, bringing them to bear within the region; first within our own family or state organizations; then into community organizations within the states, and spiralling out from that as far as our funds will allow us to go. Beyond that to serve interested organizations that are not affiliated that have definite need for technical assistance. The problem is how to motivate effective leadership. Question of efficiently using resource is increasingly important. Presently attempts to deal first with leadership within our SRC family by a series of one to two day workshops -- informal discussions with Board and staff aiming at clarifying respective roles, digging into specific questions and problems of that particular state. The consultant's role is to react to the questions and problems of the people involved. Now is anticipating moving to the next level of leadership -- the community level -- as various degrees of readiness are beginning to show over the South and people want to know how most efficiently to act. Superintendents of school boards, study committees of the boards have and may express interest in obtaining help, and we want to find ways and means of getting that help to them. Presently making explorations in Florida, South Carolina and Kentucky -- most progress in Kentucky. Recognized that this whole movement must of necessity be operated to reach certain people who are interested in the problem, who know a great deal about it, but who do not have the time to think of the best techniques or to explore the considerable developments in social science and social engineering.

Mr. Mitchell stated that Mr. Parrish had the idea of using able and largely Negro brains to help people. These people (the consultants) have already trained state boards and are preparing to get out and work with local educators -- please get him some jobs.

Looking to the future, Mr. Hope stated that he thinks of another phase or type of use where that element isn't as important. In some cases will probably be looking for another type of person -- the practitioner with integration experience -- to supplement the present group. Would like to keep the program tailor-made to the needs.

To the question of whether he had been approached by a community for advice toward desegregating schools, Mr. Hope said that there had been indirect proposals. Mr. Wright stated that a reputable newspaper man in North Carolina has twice made the statement in recent interviews that he, the newspaper man, felt that three North Carolina towns would take steps to integrate this Fall.

To the question of where the money comes from for the program and whether monies received are sufficient, Mr. Hope stated that a special grant was received from the New World Foundation. Also, he said, the program is at a pilot stage and would be particularly flexible in its own service to communities. Where an organization in a community is an organization that itself has the ability to contribute, we would not want to deprive it of that opportunity.

Director of Women's Work

Mrs. Tilly stated that on October 30th and 31st she held a meeting of 109 women from ten Southern states: Jewish Catholic, Protestant, white and Negro. The lists of women to be invited were given to us by their national or regional church boards. The invitations were sent from the office of SRC, but in many instances these were supplemented by direct communication to them from their own boards.

Mrs. Tilly commended the cooperation of the staff in helping her get together materials needed for the meeting. The workbook prepared for the meeting contained worship services, a section on the long trails and trials to the Supreme Court decision, a section on recent state action, a section on the number of Negroes registered to vote county by county within the states. Workshop leaders were Father Shean, Mr. Art Levin, and Miss Thelma Stevens. Dr. A. C. Miller of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was spiritual leader.

Mrs. Tilly distributed to the Board excerpts from some of the letters she had received commenting upon the meeting. She reported plans for future meetings on state-wide and South-wide bases.

Editorial Assistant

Mr. Constable reported a growing subscription list for New South. This is due partly to the growth of state affiliates. New South has carried a variety of subjects: citizens councils, St. Louis integration, integration at the SMU Theology School, economic aspect of segregation,

and religious activity. The July issue carried a revision of the pamphlet, Answers for Action, which is now Next Steps in the South. Some of these issues received special distribution: economic issue to chambers of commerce officials in Southern states; integration of theology school issue to 200 educators over the South. Current issue (November) concerns race and intelligence, and the December issue will reprint Dr. Johnson's article which appeared in the New York Times Magazine.

Mr. Doggett commented that Miami Beach, Florida, will now entertain interracial conferences on an integrated basis. Mr. Shaw asked if the U. S. News and World Report was receiving releases from the Southern Regional Council, and was told that it was. Mr. Doggett said that the head of the Conference Bureau in Miami Beach is Thomas Smith, but that Miami Beach is not necessarily equipped to handle an all-Negro conference.

Mr. Stewart asked if a study of hotel accommodations throughout the South had been made, suggesting that such a survey might prove encouraging to others. Mr. Fleming said that to gather the facts in so obscure a field requires a good deal of staff work. Did collect some instances, but perhaps missed some because of the quietness with which they are done. Mr. Dent suggested that such a survey be a future project for the Council, saying that it will be helpful to find out what is being done, and citing as examples work done with the police, library, and firemen surveys. Mr. Dent also wondered whether Miami Beach had lost anything economically, saying that the Chambers of Commerce might advocate this sort of thing because of the economic advantage.

Mr. Davidson asked if the American Friends Service Committee membership had been circularized with the New South issue dealing with integration in the SMU Theological School. Mr. Constable replied that the issue was circulated to a special list of educators prepared by the AFSC. Mr. Davidson further said that the Jefferson Conference of the Unitarian Church would be interested in helping. Reverend John C. Fuller, First Unitarian Church, Orlando, Florida, is Chairman of the Jefferson Conference.

Mr. Dent said that he hoped all of the material that we get out is being sent to the daily press and that the editors are being kept up to date on these things. Mr. Constable said that there are 97 dailies in the South which receive New South. It was noted, also, that frequently the press comes to SRC for information.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Alexander reported that SRC had met and passed its quota of fund-raising for the last fiscal year, and that all books had been duly audited. She thanked the Board for its help in the past year and asked for its help during the coming year.

Administrative Assistant (Budget Officer)

Mr. Alexander stated that he had made comparisons between the budget as approved for 1955-56, and the actual income and expenditures for 1955-56, and the estimated budget for 1956-57, as attached.

In reporting the item listed as estimated expenditures for four months of the fiscal year 1956-57, Mr. Alexander stated that only four months of the 56-57 budget was proposed because the Board might approve a change in the program structure which would cause a change in the budget. Mr. Alexander also stated that there had been an increase in expenditures of approximately 10.8 per cent, which increase covers within-grade promotions of staff people plus a slight increase in social security taxes. For the current fiscal year, contributions expected, income expected, etc., amounting to $83,470, subtracted from the anticipated budget of $100,331 leaves approximately $16,000 more to be raised from other sources. On hand from the fact-finding program is approximately $32,000, from the consultant service program $15,500 more, a balance of $47,500.

Mr. Mitchell stated, as to the four months' budget for the fiscal year 1956-57, one man leaves and another man comes in. The Board would be discussing sweeping changes in program and if it approved now a budget for four months, that would cover the month in which the Executive Committee would next meet.

It was, upon motion by Mr. Wright and second by Mr. Brazeal, approved that the budget for four months be adopted in its entirety now, holding in abeyance the budget for the full year , and giving the Executive Committee authority to determine the budget for the remaining eight months.

DR. CHARLES S. JOHNSON

The Board earlier unanimously approved the following resolution in tribute to Dr. Charles S. Johnson:

> On this Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting of the Southern Regional Council we consider the passing of Dr. Charles S. Johnson a grievous loss. From the inception of the Council, of which Dr. Johnson was a principal founder, he gave invaluable leadership. We shall sorely miss his understanding, his guidance, and his wise counsel. Not only this organization, but the Southern region, the field of higher learning, and the nation itself will be the poorer without him. But the concept of democracy, which he did so much to further, will continue to grow -- and this will be to him a living testimonial.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that a copy of this resolution be incorporated into the Minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to Dr. Johnson's family.

Mrs. Tilly and Mr. Mitchell paid verbal tribute to Dr. Johnson. Mr. Mitchell made reference to the early days of founding. Mrs. Tilly stated that Dr. Johnson had obtained money which made it possible for her group of women (The Fellowship of the Concerned) to hold its meetings October 30-31.

MR. MARSHALL FIELD

Mr. Dent said that Mr. Marshall Field had for many years a personal interest in the work of the Council, and Mr. Dent was inclined to believe that although the funds for many years have come through the Foundation itself, earlier funds had come directly from Mr. Field.

It was upon motion unanimously agreed that a resolution be sent to the appropriate places and persons expressing our warm appreciation for the valued support of Mr. Marshall Field. It was suggested that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Editor of the Chicago Sun Times, to Mrs. Field, and to the Foundation.

> The Southern Regional Council, at its Thirteenth Annual Meeting,notes with sincere regret the passing of Marshall Field who was long one of its best friends and most generous benefactors. Mr. Field's deep dedication to democracy is recorded in his gifts to the many organizations which work for equal citizenship for all people. Long after any stone monument would crumble, the memory of Marshall Field will be enshrined in the hearts of the people for whom he helped obtain a fuller recognition of their intrinsic human dignity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting proceeded at length in the absence of the staff (including the absence of the stenographer), and the record available is that dictated by the President, Marion A. Wright, after the executive session:

At the Executive Session meeting it was agreed that the proposal submitted by Dr. Clement in behalf of the Executive Committee, and dated October 22, 1956, be approved with two amendments. The first of these amendments is to strike out the last sentence of the third paragraph on page 6, and substitute in lieu of that language, the following: "This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations, particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund-raising.

It was the sense of the Board that the central staff, during the next eleven months, should give such advice and counsel as it could to the state organizations by way of assisting them to qualify for future grants from the Southern Regional Council.

The second amendment to Dr. Clement's proposal was to strike out the language, "during the affiliate period," appearing on the fourth line from the bottom of page 6.

This action was taken with regard to the office now held by Mr. Mitchell.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council in 1956 Annual Meeting confirms the continuance of George S. Mitchell as Executive Director through January 15, 1957, accepts his resignation from duty status as of that date, and effective as of January 16, 1957, elects Harold C. Fleming as Executive Director for the remainder of the year.

Directors, officers, and Executive Committee members as nominated by the Nominating Committee were elected; except that the Executive Committee was empowered to name to the Board and to its own membership, in lieu of Father Shean and Mr. Christopher. a person representing the Catholic clergy, and a person representing organized labor, respectively.

The present Assistant Directors, Secretary-Treasurer, and Counsel were confirmed.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted, as follows:

Your committee was composed of I. H. Burney as Chairman; W. Carroll Brooke and B. R. Brazeal and Mrs. E. U. Robinson and Guy Johnson.

The first three members of the committee met in Atlanta September 17th.

There were four vacancies on the Board. To these vacancies we make the following nominations:

1. Philip G. Davidson - Kentucky
2. Charles F. Steele - Kentucky
3. (name deleted)
4. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - Georgia

We named a single alternate -- Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr., a farmer of Somers, Va.

For officers of the Southern Regional Council our nominations were not altered from the present officers, namely:

Marion A. Wright, President - North Carolina
Gordon B. Hancock, Vice-President - Virginia
Albert W. Dent, Vice-President - Louisiana
Carter Wesley, Vice-President - Texas
Paul D. Williams, Vice-President - Virginia

The members of this year's Nominating Committee who were able have met briefly again today, and have confirmed these nominations.

The By-Laws provide that the Executive Committee shall be composed of nine persons elected by this Board plus the officers of the Council.

We nominate for these nine persons on the Executive Committee:

1. Rufus E. Clement - Georgia
2. J. M. Dabbs - South Carolina
3. Paul Christopher - Tennessee
4. John A. Griffin - Georgia
5. Harry V. Richardson - Georgia
6. The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O. - South Carolina
7. Josephine Wilkins - Georgia
8. B. R. Brazeal - Georgia
9. The Rev. Duncan Hunter - Alabama

It is to be noted that the last two names are members of this Board as representatives of the Georgia and Alabama state organizations, respectively.

An additional duty is laid upon us of nominating to you three persons suitable to be members of next year's Nominating Committee. Two other persons will be put on the Nominating Committee at a later time by the Executive Committee. Our nominations to the Nominating Committee for next year are:

1. J. M. Richards
2. B. E. Mays
3. C. G. Gomillion

FINANCES

Mr. Mitchell stated that he hoped at this meeting to elicit some ideas from the Board in regard to fund-raising. The Finance Committee which was set up elected two members to it from each state organization, and has had two meetings -- sum total raised by Finance Committee members is $150. Some Board members have been sending in money themselves, but they ought to get larger sums from other organizations or individuals.

Mr. Christopher suggested that each member of the Board dictate two or three types of letters and provide names and addresses of people -- indicating which type of letter should go to which person -- asking for contributions to the Southern Regional Council, and so moved. The motion did not pass. After further discussion and upon motion by Mr. Shaw, it was agreed that the Executive Director send a reminder to each member of the Board at a specific time requesting that they write a letter or letters to persons requesting contributions to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Christopher suggested that this be done right away.

BY-LAWS

Upon motion it was agreed that Article VI, Section 1, should be amended to read:

> Article VI. Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors, a secretary; and a treasurer. The president and the vice-presidents shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director, assistant directors, and secretary shall not be members of the corporation. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the secretary-treasurer shall not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Article II, Section 8. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Upon motion it was agreed that Article VI be amended to contain reference to the office of Secretary-Treasurer by the addition of the following:

> Article VI, Section 8A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sections 7 and 8 may be assigned to one person. This person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer.

Upon motion it was agreed that the last sentence of Article V, Section 1 be amended to read:

> Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

At this point Mr. Moron suggested that the words "corporation," "council," and "board," each meaning the same thing, be incorporated into the word "council." Mr. Mitchell said that this would be done.

SPECIAL MEETING

Miss Wilkins stated that because of the desirability of holding a meeting of the Council earlier in 1957 than provided in the by-laws, it would be necessary for the Council to take some action to permit the calling of such an early meeting. Upon motion the following resolution was passed.

> The Southern Regional Council by this resolution suspends for 1957 the provision contained in Article II, Section 5, of the By-Laws setting November as the time of the Annual Meeting, and in lieu thereof empowers the Executive Committee to summon the Council to meet at an earlier date (perhaps July, 1957) within the discretion of the Executive Committee.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Wright stated that the Executive Session by enthusiastic and unanimous action chose Mr. Fleming to succeed Mr. Mitchell as Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Fleming said that it was a very great honor and said that the Council's action confirms a team operation; has an excellent staff to work with; a great pleasure to serve with them as "the man on the hot spot." Mrs. Tilly said that the staff was elated that Mr. Fleming was chosen as Executive Director.

PRESENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Council twice applauded a vote of thanks to Mr. Mitchell for his service to the Council during the years he has served as Executive Director. The Chairman of the Executive Committee has been asked to work out a plan for honoring the Executive Director.

APPRECIATION OF LEONARD HAAS

Mr. Haas could not be present at the meeting to accept the scroll prepared in recognition of his services to the Southern Regional Council as Counsel. It was suggested that the central office arrange a gathering -- details left to the staff -- and present the scroll to Mr. Haas at some time convenient to Mr. Haas. Mr. Mitchell said that this would be done.

OTHER

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Dent said that the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Clement, had a conflict of meetings and could not be present at the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned.

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ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated State organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members.

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or,

in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting, following occurence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the assistant directors shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights.

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a.m. on the second Wednesday in November in

each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the

Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

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Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies

of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

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Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.

Includes all revisions through November 9, 1955.

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

January 6, 1956

Dear Board Member:

For some time we have sent out to you each quarter a general report on the Council's work. Here is the report for the three months ending December 31, 1955.

We need the help of your wishes on program and on the way the Council is operated. Letters to me or to Marion Wright at Linville Fall, N. C. will be deeply welcomed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

January 9, 1956

TO: Members of the Executive Committee of SRC

FROM: George S. Mitchell

RE: The Future of the SRC

It will be recalled that at the Board Meeting at Tuskegee, November 9, 1955, upon the resolution of Miss Josephine Wilkins "the staff was directed to submit to the Executive Committee, at an early meeting, not later than the April meeting, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the Fund for the Republic."

The Executive Director has queried each principal staff member for the memoranda. The full memoranda are available, but for convenience they are compressed herewith:

C.H. PARRISH

States will need further subsidy after 1957. Without honest subsidy, some states would be tempted to soften program to get money. "Local financial support for Southern Regional Council program would appear to be in inverse relationship to need."

Central office function is to demonstrate integrated professional service. If strong states, central office can be skeleton one, but subsidy to difficult areas and coordinated provision of findings of research (by others) would continue to be needed.

G.S. ALEXANDER

Continuing need for "hub of communications."

Problem is money.

H.C. FLEMING

Five alternatives:

1. Liquidation.

2. Limited continuation, dropping all functions, except that of direct field servicing of state organizations.

3. Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of information --i.e., publications, information

center for press, other agencies, and state affiliates.

4. Continuation at present level of operation, retaining all functions.

5. Continuation with expanded functions.

At least three years of need for central office after end of 1957.

If states were left alone, the weaker units would soon wither, leaving areas of most need least serviced.

Also the opposition sprouts region-wide organization, and its delusions call for skilled and united countering, regionally and nationally.

Main problem is money.

Plan ahead to find our maximum support and we could.

Go ahead on present scale - or go out of business.

FRED ROUTH

Need will continue in an era moving from accelerated change to jet-propelled transition. Foolhardy if we fail to assist the change, in expanded way.

At end of 1957 desegregation of schools will not have reached hard-core states.

Must continue to provide an integrated professional service to meet a multiplying need for just the skills involved.

MRS. DOROTHY TILLY

"Challenging opportunities... with adjustment to the inevitable enforcement of its... decisions. To retrench would... betray..."

"Poor indeed will be the South... with the field left to a Regional setup of the Citizens' Councils."

"A Finance Committee, really feeling the seriousness, could... secure the funds needed."

States can't stand alone for a while yet.

Need yearly conferences of Southwide groups in Social Sciences, Church Women, the heads of denominational Boards of Education.

Alter New South:

"We should face the fact that our publications, for the most part, reach only those whose social conscience is already quickened. However, these will continue to need something like New South. There should be found some way to reach the masses so easily persuaded by the propaganda of such organizations as the Citizens' Council. Simple factual material tied up some way with their Bible Belt South, I believe could be just as effective as Talmadge's Statesman, etc. This too, calls for more finances, but if it can be done-- it will strengthen the appeal for funds."

George Mitchell says we should plan for three further years, after the expiry of the help from the Fund for the Republic, which occurs in September, 1957. His plan contemplates three years of further modest aid to some of the States, and continuance on a reduced basis of the most essential services of a central office.

Argument on the States runs as follows. In 1957 we shall be aiding the States on a level of $8,500 for each State. Each will run to a total budget of over $15,000. After 1957 there will be some of the States which in all likelihood could not carry on in reasonable strength unless they had some extra help. SRC would be free of any commitment to help all the States alike, and could put help on the States that would need it most. How many? Say six. How much? Say an average of $6,000 each. Call it $35,000 of annual subsidy to State organizations, on a minimum basis; and $50,000 of annual subsidy on a reasonable basis.

On the central office, certain services would have to be saved. You should keep up an interchange through an organ like New South. You need a paymaster, by title a Secretary-Treasurer. You would have to have at least one man travelling out to the States a great deal; ideally a combination administration and program man. New South lives by having someone to collect information, that gets called a Director or Research. You would need two and probably three clerks. And you would need some sort of Director. In a budget, for minimum and for reasonable, it looks like this:

Possible Budget for
Southern Regional Council

Typical Year 1957 et seq.

States	Minimum	Reasonable
For subsidy	35,000	50,000
Central Office		
Salaries		
Executive Director	8,000	10,000
Secretary	3,500	3,500
Secretary-Treasurer	4,000	5,000
Director of Information	7,000	7,500
Director of Research	7,500	5,000
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Field Man	7,000	7,500
	37,000	43,800
Travel	5,000	8,000
Rent	1,200	1,500
Supplies	1,000	1,200
Telephone & telegraph	1,200	1,500
Postage	800	1,000
Printing	10,000	10,000
Social Security	1,200	1,400
Miscellaneous	500	500
	57,700	68,900
Total, Central Office	58,000	69,000
Total, Central Office & State	93,000	119,000

In three years,
Central Office and State

Minimum	279,000	-	280,000
Reasonable	357,000	-	360,000

How do you get together such sums?

By all experience, there is something that the staff can raise aided by friendships of the past. I would estimate this as follows:

(1958-60)
Per Year

From Churches	10,000
From Labor	10,000
Subscriptions to New South	15,000
Individual Gifts	1,000
Sale of Literature	1,000
Honoraria	1,000
Total	38,000

Annually, on the minimum budget of $93,000, this leaves $55,000 to be raised by a finance committee.

On the reasonable budget, it leaves $81,000 to be raised annually by a finance committee.

If you go on a three year basis:

Minimum budget:

Needed - 3 years
$280,000
Staff to raise
$114,000
Balance, finance committee
$166,000

Reasonable budget:

Needed - 3 years
$357,000
Staff to raise
$114,000
Balance, finance committee
$243,000

All of which is to say that three more years would cost on a mimimum basis, say $165,000 more than is in sight; and on a reasonable basis, $240,000 more than is in sight.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All State Chairmen and all State Directors

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

A considerable number of questions regarding what constitutes political activity have come to the central office from the State Organizations. The best information on this topic was summarized in Memorandum No. 1 sent out April 10, 1954. This will be found on pages 5 and 6 under the heading "No Political Activity." If you have faced this question please refer to this section of Memorandum No. 1. You should also consult local legal counsel for an opinion on applicable State Laws.

March 2, 1956

MEMORANDUM.

TO: APPROPRIATE BOARD MEMBERS. March 5th, 1956.

RE: Conferences on Libel Matter.

On February 15 and 16, President M. A. Wright, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. Paul D. Williams, and Harold Fleming of the staff conferred in New York with knowledgeable private individuals and with staff of the Fund for the Republic.

The first of these discussions was held with an experienced and able jurist of New York City, suggested by New York associates of Mr. Williams as being highly qualified to give wise counsel. His advice with respect to possible legal action was largely discouraging and may be summarized briefly as follows:

1. Negotiation with the Hearst press would probably avail nothing. A retraction of apology is almost certainly out of the question. The reaction of the Hearst papers to a libel suit would probably be vigorously renewed attack on the SRC and its board members.

2. Number of plaintiffs would be a public opinion factor. If all of the 21 board members maligned did not sue, this would be interpreted in unfriendly quarters as an admission that the others could not defend themselves against the Hearst charges.

3. Legal delays would postpone the beginning of court hearings for a year or more, and the hearings might be dragged out even longer; thus, assuming a successful outcome, vindication would be long deferred.

4. The present climate of opinion fosters the idea that anyone who has been affiliated with one or more organizations now regarded as subversive is suspect. Without very compelling and detailed evidence to the contrary, it would be dangerous to risk a jury's decision.

5. Further circulation of the libels by hostile newspapers and groups would be facilitated by the privileged answer which the defendants would submit to the court. The Hearst press is well equipped to dredge up everything which, by distortion and innuendo, could be used to support their charges. This material could then be used with impunity (as "privileged" matter) by any publication or organization.

The second conference, in which Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming represented SRC, was held with staff members of the Fund for the Republic. Mr. Wright, in a letter to the Fund, had formally requested permission for SRC to use up to $15,000 of the Fund's grant for research preparatory to libel action. The Board of the Fund, meeting on February 15, disapproved this request. This is not to be construed as an expression of opinion by the Fund as to the wisdom or unwisdom of individual libel actions. Some members of the Fund's Board would be in sympathy with such actions and might assist financially in a private capacity.

In both conferences, there was discussion of various public relations techniques which might offset the attacks on SRC. Suggestions included: (1) impaneling several distinguished Americans who would examine the merits of the charges and publicly announce their findings; (2) soliciting public statements favorable to SRC from prominent individuals; (3) arranging some favorable recognition of the SRC and its work from the President of the United States.

It was recognized by all parties to these discussions that the decision on legal action rests exclusively and individually with the persons libelled. These explorations were conducted in terms of the effect of legal action on SRC and are submitted to appropriate board members purely as a matter of information.

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May 15, 1956

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

There is no reason for me to assume that I would be thought of for re-election as your President. It seems wise, however, to remove that possibility from speculation. My decision is not to permit my name to be considered at the next annual meeting.

I make this announcement well in advance of the event in order that full consideration may be given to a successor.

My tour of duty in this office has brought me many satisfactions, not the least of which has been the privilege of knowing in the membership of the organization the choice spirits of the South. Knowing them, one may only have confidence that the South will yield itself to their leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright

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BY-LAWS

of the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated State organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members.

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or,

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in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting, following occurence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the assistant directors shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights.

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

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each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

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Section 4. Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies

of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

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Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.

Includes all revisions through November 9, 1955.

8. A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sec. 7 and Sec 8 may be assigned to one person; such person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be under the general supervision of the Executive Director

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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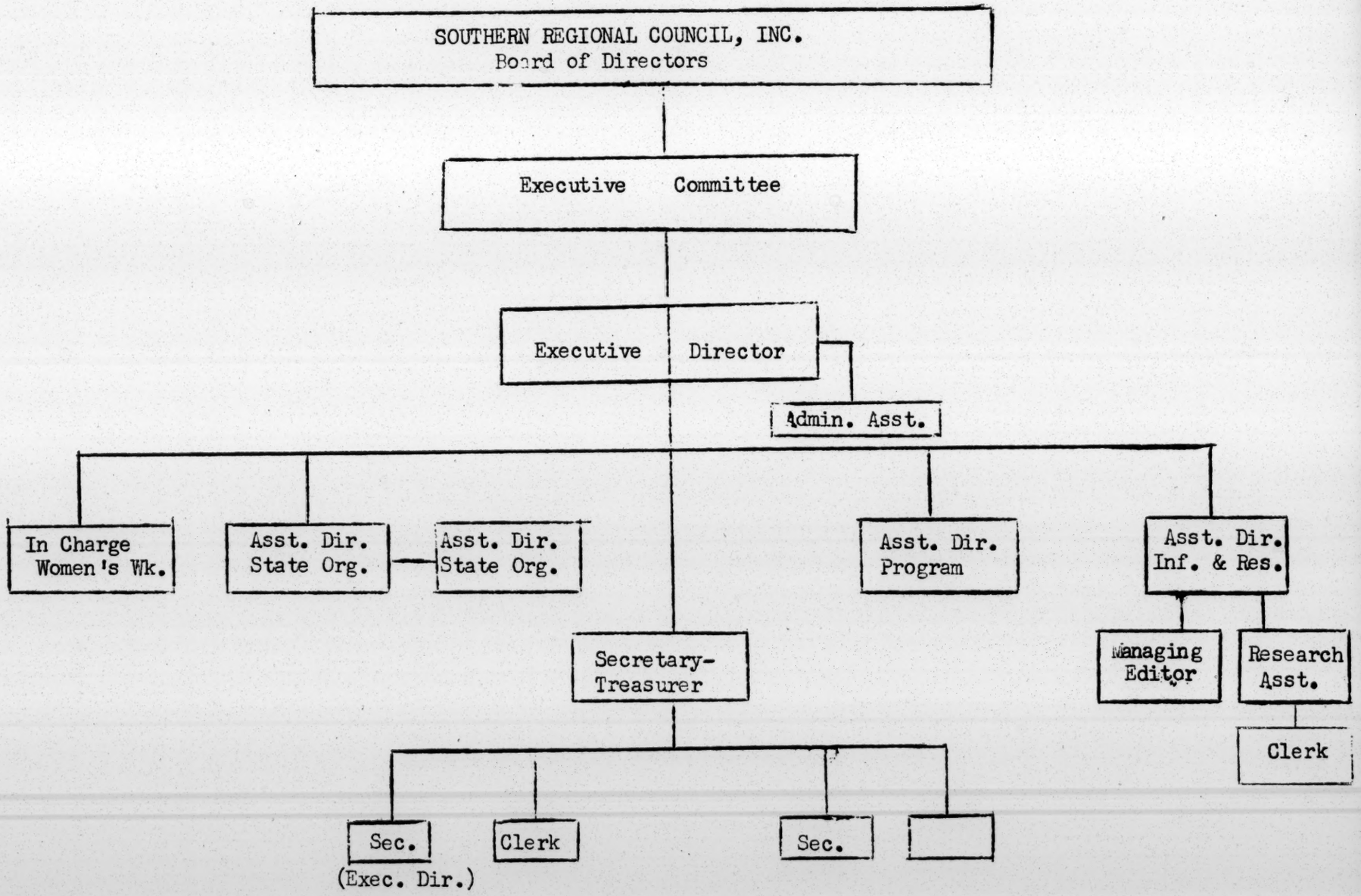
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LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF WITH PRESENT SALARY RATE AND SCHEDULE OF DUTIES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF — FULL TIME

	SALARY RATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - George S. Mitchell	$ 11,000.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH - Harold C. Fleming (See attached sheet for duties)	7,500.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Frederick B. Routh (See attached sheet for duties)	7,250.00 per year
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK - Mrs. M. E. Tilly (See attached sheet for duties)	5,250.00 per year
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Ruth House Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - G. S. Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	6,000.00 per year
MANAGING EDITOR OF NEW SOUTH - John Constable, Jr. (See attached sheet for duties)	5,000.00 per year
RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Florence B. Irving (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year

PART-TIME

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - C. H. Parrish (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day

TEMPORARY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM - John Hope II (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day
CONSULTANT--INFORMATION AND RESEARCH (Special Fact-Finding Project) - Mrs. Margaret Price	27.00 per day

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CLERICAL STAFF-FULL-TIME

	SALARY RATE
SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley Handles all correspondence and arrangements for the Executive Director, handles all correspondence files and does some steno work for other members of the professional staff.	$ 3,100.00 per year
SECRETARY TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF -- Mary Elizabeth Friedman Handles correspondence and arrangements for Assistant Directors and person in Charge of Women's Work.	3,000.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Frances Carnes Handles correspondence for Administrative Assistant and Secretary-Treasurer. Handles present details regarding Council membership, New South circulation and sale of literature. Does other mimeographing and typing. Serves as receptionist.	2,700.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Yvonne Southall Bankston Performs general clerical work for the Research Assistant which includes typing of correspondence and reports; assist in obtaining of clippings from periodicals and newspapers; filing and classification of clippings; filing of pamphlet materials; and servicing some of the requests for information.	2,700.00 per year

LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF
WITH SALARY RATE AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Executive Director - $11,000. per year

Assistant Director for Information and Research - $7,500.per year.

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine, New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council. This official has direction and control of the Managing Editor and the Research Assistant.

Assistant Director for State Organization (2 persons) - $7,250. per year.

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy. To originate programs of activities suitable for each state and to attempt to secure adoption and execution of such programs.

Assistant Director for Program -

Using an extensive knowledge of community programs and Southern movements, under the supervision of the Executive Director and with the cooperation of the Assistant Director for State Organizations and assistance from other staff members; to coordinate the training of state staff personnel and their boards and program committee members in program design, development and execution. To recruit highly skilled professional persons to serve as consultants in such training programs. To develop standardized criteria for evaluating effectiveness of state programs. To use such criteria in evaluating program in the states. In cooperation with the rest of the professional staff, under the supervision of the Executive Director, to originate and develop suitable program activities for the central office.

Director of Women's Work - $5,250.per year.

To administer, in conformity with the broad policy of the Southern Regional Council, a program relating activities of individual Church women and of Church groups to the concerns of the Southern Regional Council. The program with the Church women and with other Church bodies is to have a high degree of autonomy as befits a relationship with Church connected bodies.

To travel widely to gatherings of Church people; to be in frequent contact personally and by correspondence with organizational leaders in the various denominational groups; to prepare releases and special publications for use by these bodies; and to assist with advice and information to various Church programs akin to the purposes of the Southern Regional Council. In addition, and specifically, to assist the Fellowship of the Concerned or any similar special organization of its kind.

To promote state or regional meetings of women, whether church connected or not, with a view of enlisting their aid in support of the Council's activities.

Secretary-Treasurer - $4,000. per year

Central Office - The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for all bookkeeping records including receipts, disbursements, payroll and tax records with filing of tax forms and payment of taxes; for all banking of Council's money; for purchases of office supplies and equipment and for payment of all the Council's obligations including checking of invoices and preparation of checks. With the help of auditor makes finance reports to Fund for the Republic and to SRC Executive Committee.

She also keeps permanent records of the Council, including records of Board membership, minutes of meeting and all matters pertaining to SRC members and associates. She is also responsible for New South circulation and for filling orders and keeping records on sale of literature. She is responsible for office management, supervision of clerical assistants and for providing clerical and stenographic held needed by the professional staff including employment of such people as may be needed, subject to approval by the Executive Director.

Under the state organizations' set up she will be responsible for payrolls for these employees, for working with them on their budgets for office and travel needs, and for obtaining and reporting on their monthly finance reports to the Council as well as their New South circulation.

At the present time the Secretary-Treasurer has the help of one clerical assistant.

Administrative Assistant - $6,000. per year

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director shall establish and supervise accounting procedures; handle all insurance matters, including guarding against lapses or under-insurance; prepare fiscal analysis and reports needed by staff or committees or the Board; prepare and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Committee proposed budgets, and reports showing fiscal operations and status pursuant to budgets as finally adopted; and upon request advise and consult with the state organizations on purchasing, fiscal, budgetary, and accounting matters.

The Administrative Assistant shall perform his duties under the direction of the Executive Director.

Managing Editor of New South - $5,000.

Assist the Assistant Director for Information and Research in the informatio program with special reference to preparation of New South; also the preparation of other publications of the Council, contact with the press, interviewing of journalists and other visitors interested in the work of the Council and working with directors of state affiliates of the Council on their information program.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

Research Assistant - $4,000. per year

To perform such fact-finding and research as may be required. To assemble, classify, and maintain reference files drawn from newspaper reports, periodicals, Census publications, and other reference materials. To handle mail requests for information. To conduct occasional mail surveys of race relations practices in such fields as municipal employment, professional associations, public libraries, and recreation facilities. To provode technical assistance to community self-surveys. To write occasional articles for New South.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

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MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1956

To: George S. Mitchell

From: CHP, HCF, FBR, and JH

Subject: Future of SRC

When C. H. Parrish was here just after Labor Day, he and Fleming and Routh discussed at length the question of the SRC's future after October 1, 1957. Parrish had come to Atlanta with some fundamental questions about the approach outlined in the draft letter to the Fund for the Republic prepared for the executive committee. In discussing these questions, we developed some new ideas about the basis on which SRC should seek support after the end of the coming fiscal year. We found that John Hope was thinking along similar lines, and his views are incorporated here.

It was a matter of regret to us that this opportunity for joint examination of SRC's future role occurred during your absence. We are outlining our common views here in some detail for your consideration and with the request that they be presented to the executive committee for consideration, along with the earlier draft letter, at the September 21-22 meeting.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of

funds and program emphasis. The expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them. In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as an attitude of defiance by four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action. Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such

a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens. In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. We know, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

It seems to us that this situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact. Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has

made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we want to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff.

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff. Under such a plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would exchange their affiliate status for one of autonomy, and that their

relationship with us would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals.

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would probably be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used during the affiliate period, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions,

it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff. In general, however, we envision the consolidation of staff functions under the major headings of executive, information, and field services.

Functions of SRC

Again without attempting to offer a blueprint, we submit the following types of activity as representing new or heightened program emphases which the Council might undertake:

1) Consultant services to established public and private agencies.

The consultant service project under the direction of John Hope II was conceived and has been used as a service to the state affiliates. It has proved to be an extremely effective technique. Already we contemplate making these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, such use of the consultant services deserves high priority. It is our opinion that we should provide these services free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership.

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinate the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative

in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. Further, the effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers Bureau.

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions are invaluable opportunities to carry our message to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize the furnishing of speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically build up a speakers bureau drawn mainly from our lay leadership and suitable for supplying different kinds of occasions in different parts of the region. The selection, briefing, and scheduling of such speakers would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Literature.

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for

which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More calculated uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings.

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations. Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions.

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program

now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances.

Because of limitations of time, we have had no opportunity to develop detailed estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. Our rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. This is approximately $150,000. per year more than SRC has thus far managed to raise from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by the Board and Executive Committee. It is our hope that any planning of the Council's future will give major consideration to this need.

We would also hope that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that we can avoid rigid allocations of our funds for pre-determined purposes. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be adaptable readily to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's whole-hearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which begins October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated. It is possible, for example, that the Fund for the Republic might be receptive to a request for additional aid during the year for such a purpose.

In any case, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with the Executive Director and the Executive Committee in order to arrive at a plan to which all of us can lend our full support and energies.

HCF:mbo

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenses as of August 31, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 8/31/56	Percent of Budget realized
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 12,150.00	86.7
Dues	500.00	346.00	69.2
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	5,825.67	97.0
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	1,288.38	42.9
Honoraria	1,000.00	1,362.80	136.2
Interest Income	800.00	2,132.00	266.5
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended Balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	$ 62,704.85	96.6
*Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180.00	14,150.00	59.9
Sub Total	$ 93,080.00	76,854.85	82.5
Special Project - Fund for the Republic		1,000.00	
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	77,854.85	

EXPENSES:	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 8/31/56	Percent of Budget Expended
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	60,851.99	98.7
Social Security Tax	800.00	799.22	99.9
Travel	7,500.00	8,092.33	107.8
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	5,991.79	92.1
Printing other	2,000.00	1,049.63	52.4
Rent	1,680.00	1,540.00	91.6
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	2,615.77	104.6
Postage	2,000.00	1,024.40	51.2
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	392.97	130.9
Accounting fees	500.00	415.00	83.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	410.81	136.9
Office Supplies	2,900.00	1,970.64	67.9
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs.	2,000.00	2,115.20	105.7
Legal Expense		150.00	
Special Mtgs. in connection with Women's Work	2,500.00	586.89	23.4
Sub-Total	$ 93,080.00	$ 88,006.64	94.7
Special Project - Printing		1,004.22	
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	89,010.86	

*Includes $5,000.00 from unexpended State Funds

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$ 93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$ 35,636.00	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry-over from Duke and Field Funds (1954-55)	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$ 80,136.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 9/19/56	1,300.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$ 81,436.00
Balance to be covered by unexpended State Funds, ect.		$ 11,644.00

*Amount raised to date:

(1) The Marshall Field Foundation	$ 3,750.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John H ay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small foundations	400.00
Labor organizations	4,875.00
Small organizations	110.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	2,820.00
Board Members	1,631.00
Individual Contributions	1,624.00
Associate Members	356.00
New South Subscriptions	6,046.00
Honoraria	1,568.00
Interest	2,132.00
Sale of Literature	1,324.00
TOTAL	$ 35,636.00

**Amount expectable:

New South	$ 100.00
Honoraria	100.00
Board Members	100.00
Sale of Literature	100.00
Small foundations	600.00
Other (Misc.)	300.00
TOTAL	$ 1,300.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period.

September 20, 1956

NAME	TOTAL PAID TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS BY SRC 10/1/55-9/30/56	FUND RAISING GOAL ESTIMATED & NOTIFIED BY LETTER 8/7/56	FUNDS RAISED BY AUGUST 31, 1956	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 31, 1956
ALABAMA	$ 7,973.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,675.25	502
ARKANSAS	13,000.12	3,500.00	1,580.75	159
FLORIDA	13,000.12	3,500.00	4,704.21	370
GEORGIA	12,500.00	3,500.00	3,813.74	654
KENTUCKY	7,622.00	2,000.00	2,270.79	235
LOUISIANA	7,635.00	2,000.00	2,052.15	267
MISSISSIPPI	11,800.00	3,500.00	1,518.42	259
NORTH CAROLINA	12,360.00	3,500.00	2,873.55	503
SOUTH CAROLINA	12,550.00	3,500.00	3,382.78	407
TENNESSEE	5,412.75	1,500.00	984.39	201
TEXAS	11,800.00	3,500.00	2,347.75	201
VIRGINIA	10,800.00	3,500.00	4,111.17	573
TOTALS	$126,452.99	$36,000.00	$32,314.95	4,331

September 20, 1956

SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF CENTRAL OFFICE FUND RAISING

OCTOBER 1, 1955 to SEPTEMBER 19, 1956

QUOTA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FFR GRANT FOR 1956-57			$ 55,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS:			
Individuals	$ 3,255.00		
Organizations	4,996.00		
Churches	3,820.00		
Foundations	35,500.00	$ 47,571.00	
OTHER INCOME:			
SRC Dues (Associate Members)	356.00		
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	6,142.17		
Sale of Literature	1,325.68		
Honoraria	1,567.80		
Interest Income	2,132.00	11,523.65	
TOTAL INCOME			59,094.65
OVER AND ABOVE QUOTA			$ 4,094.65

September 19, 1956

~~Possible~~ last paragraph

We know ~~xxx~~ what ~~a~~ tough situation your state group faces, and we don't want to hamper you with any more restrictions than can be helped. But I am writing you thus strongly on this point because on our tax-exempt status hangs the very existence of our movement in the South.

DRAFT
Dictated September 20, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Chairmen and all Executive Directors of SRC Affiliated State Organizations

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

RE: Political Activity

We have had disquieting accounts in recent weeks of activities in one, two, or three of our state organizations which seem to us to border upon the political. We have taken these matters up individually state by state. But, precautionarily, I now review the whole matter with all of the state organizations.

You have received from ~~us~~ the Central office the following items re political activity:

1. Memorandum #1, issued April 10, 1954, from which I quote:

"NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The statute governing U.S. Tax exemption is as follows:

EXEMPT CORPORATIONS

'51. Exempt Corporations. The following corporations and organizations are exempt from the income tax:

'(6) Corporations and any community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (Code Sec. 101 (6) and Reg. Sec. 29.101 (6)-1)."

Quite a similar restriction is made by the statute upon gifts from individuals.

2. Memorandum #4, issued September 2, 1954, laid down the non-political requirement for state organizations' by-laws.

3. Fred Routh's memorandum to all state chairmen and all state directors, dated March 2, 1956, renewed the control of Memorandum #1 upon political activity.

4 In addition, ~~we presume that~~ you are aware that this office requires the chairman of ~~your~~ each State organization at the close of each fiscal year to sign a

certificate using the following words:

> "As Chairman of the [name of organization] I hereby certify that said organization, affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, has not, during the fiscal year [date], engaged in carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempted to influence legislation, or otherwise engaged in any form of political activity.

Further, and in accordance with Memorandum #1, the by-laws of each state organization are clear that it may not engage in any political activity.

The Southern Regional Council, like any other tax-exempt organization, is bound by the language of the statute as stated in memo #1.

Counsel tells us that exact definition of the phrase, "no substantial part" has not become available through the courts.

We think the only safe course to follow is to avoid all political activity.

The tax-exempt status of the Southern Regional Council, along with that of a great many other educational organizations, is currently under review by the appropriate unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

We realize that state organizations will often be pressed for activity bordering on the political.

We can only tell you that you simply must refuse to engage in any activity suspicious of being political.

We have had one instance in which a state organization assisted certain entirely local unaffiliated bodies which proposed political participation. Fortunately the matter was caught before any thing of this kind had been done. And we were able to make clear to that state organization the settled doctrine of law that you cannot accomplish by indirection what is directly forbidden by statute. So do not attempt amateur strategies to avoid the plain requirement that is upon you.

It may be readily believed that there is need in this or that state for an organization to express a directly political discontent. Maybe so. BUT your

state organization cannot be that organization -- in whole or in part. The choice for your state organization was between (1) enjoying assistance from the Southern Regional Council, ~~coupled~~ with strict observance of the no-political-activity-requirement; and (2) complete independence, raising your own money, and doing as you might choose on matters political. That is still the choice.

To the rule of no political activity there appears to be certain partially agreed exemptions.

One of these is the matter of educating for or against a ~~proposal~~ principle as opposed to pressing for or against a ~~statute~~ statute or statutory proposal. Pretty clear you would incur no penalty for being in favor of the principle of honesty in government. And so long as that is a matter for general educational discussion among the people of a community or of a state, you are not constricted. But the moment a proposal ~~is~~ for legislative action takes shape defining honesty in government, or perhaps penalizing dishonesty in government, your efforts as to education must ~~quit~~ cease. You cannot be for or against a particular legislative proposal.

There is a twilight zone ~~for~~ where some ~~where a~~ particular ~~kind of~~ legislative proposal is merely under discussion. For the moment the proposal may not have taken shape as HR Bill 2305. But if there is sufficient clarity about the proposal for it no longer to be a vague general proposal, you had better cease to be for or against the proposal. And constitutional amendments, we think often come under this paragraph.

Of course it ~~must be~~ is perfectly clear that you can never be for or against any particular candidate for public office.

One other exception should be noted. It seems to be agreed that if a tax-exempt body is called upon in its capacity as an expert to testify before a legislative committee (which committee may be shaping legislation), the tax-exempt body will be permitted so to testify; and can hardly endanger its tax-exemption status by so doing. But we would add that the invitation must be genuine ~~or~~ and unsolicited and not "fixed" or "arranged."

~~As to the matter of the proposal. I should think it perfectly all right for you to be in favor of law and order. I should think it also perfectly all right for you to be in favor of retention of the public schools. But if there is before the people presently or constructively a particular measure to save or destroy law, or to save or destroy and limit the public schools, then your efforts for or against the proposal would have to cease.~~

All of this is really not so disastrous a limitation as might ~~to some of you~~ appear. Statistically speaking, all our friends in any given state count but little at the ballot box. And it would be unworthy as well as illegal, bombastically to threaten what you are going to do at the polls when the most you can hope to adduce is .0027 per cent of the votes!

Please write me that you have read this and understand it. I send a copy to your chairman to be sure that he understands it, and I ask also for a letter from him saying that he has read it.

FR - Please run yours relevant on this

Fred Routh's memo of March 2, 1956, referred to above, also says, "You should also consult local legal counsel for an opinion on applicable state laws."

I would point out to you that you are in a very dangerous situation if you are proceeding, in the present state of affairs in the South, without the steady advice of legal counsel. Some of you ~~I suspect are~~ have not got so proceeding. The reason advanced may be that you ~~have not got~~ haven't enough money to pay a lawyer. Almost certainly, for reasonable effort on ~~your~~ the part of Board members, volunteer legal advice could be had.

Please let me know by November 1st what arrangement your state organization has made to give it the advantage of steady legal counsel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

cc: State Chairmen

Is you run relevant on this

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
September 21-22, 1956

September 21

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Reports
Executive Director
Secretary-Treasurer
(Fund-raising by States)

Review of current Budget

Discussion of Staff Memorandum of September 13, 1956, re Future of SRC after October 1, 1957.

Executive Session
(a) Report of Personnel Committee re in-grade promotions for staff.
(b) Report of sub-committee re Executive Directorship.

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Executive Session

September 22

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Approval of staff action re allocation to states according to 25% formula.

Discussion of Mississippi Council's probationary status

Amendment to By-Laws

Other Business

Executive Session

G. S. M.

Mailed to Exec Com. Members 9/13/56 (ert)

DRAFT - FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 21-22, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In view of the evident need in the South for extended effort in the field of human relations, the Southern Regional Council must now begin to plan for the period beyond October 1, 1957. That is the date of expiration of the current grant from the Fund for the Republic. Clearly our task will not be complete then, and we shall not be able to function effectively upon resources obtainable in the South. This proposal is submitted in the hope that the Fund will consider favorably the possibility of further assistance to our work for a further period.

September 30, 1957, will mark the end of three and one-half years of major support of the Council's program by the Fund for the Republic. The original hope of both the Council and the Fund was that the progress of the South and the growth of local support for our activities would render further grants from the Fund unnecessary. The reasons why these expectations were not realized are best seen in the perspective of the past few years.

BACKGROUND

It was in 1951 that the Council requested of the Ford Foundation a grant of $1,400,000 over a five year period to make possible the development of strong, professionally staffed state organizations. This seemed to us, as it does now, an effective long-range approach to interracial adjustment in the South. The subsequent creation of the Fund for the Republic resulted in a grant on April 2, 1954, enabling the Council to

undertake the state organizations' program. The grant for the first year was $240,000, for the second year $150,000, and for the third year $110,000 -- or a total of $500,000 for the state efforts, plus several generous grants for lesser projects totaling approximately $60,000. At the beginning of the grant period, the Supreme Court's school decision had not yet been rendered, and its nature and terms were matters for speculation. The ruling was issued only a few weeks later, however, and overturned the long-standing legal structure of segregation. Thus between 1951 and 1954 the Council's principal task was redefined as building strong, self-supporting state groups in three and one-half years rather than five years, with a total grant of $500,000 rather than $1,400,000, and in a legal and social framework that was presently to be drastically altered.

We are sure that in April, 1954, neither we, nor the Fund, nor the nation accurately gauged the extent or nature of the forces which we would encounter in persuading the South to accept the then impending decision of the Supreme Court. As Southerners, we are humiliated to indicate, however briefly, the main elements which make up this opposition.

"RESISTANCE FORCES"

The political organization of the lower South is such that the state governments are responsive only to intransigent pro-segregation opinion. Hence the power of state legislation, administrative action, public funds, and the prestige of state officials are all directed toward the maintenance of segregation. This official action is supplemented by the widespread development of such private organizations as the White Citizens Councils, which have become powerful instruments of political, social, and economic

pressure. There are now more than 50 such "resistance" organizations in the South, and the White Citizens Council movement alone claims 500,000 members.

Perhaps the most unfortunate result of these powerful efforts to mobilize prejudice and fear is the intimidation of much of the South's positive leadership. The cost of dissent from the segregation orthodoxy is so great that positive voices and efforts have been all but stifled. We do not make this dismal summary in any defeatist spirit; the forces moving toward integration are less spectacular and more long-range in nature, but in the end we believe they will prove more powerful. Meanwhile, however, we feel that the Southern Regional Council, as the only southwide, interracial body that has as its primary purpose the mobilization of constructive leadership across racial lines, bears a unique responsibility.

The existence of this truly formidable hostility to everything for which the Southern Regional Council stands -- particularly public school desegregation -- postpones the date when the Council may relax its efforts. More, it has tightened Southern purse strings. The awesome pressure of official and public opinion makes many Southerners indisposed and frequently afraid to contribute to any liberal cause. Hence, we must look beyond the region for a substantial part of our support. Since we think we have performed worthily under the confidence which you put in us, we turn again to you.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Some reassurance comes from the two and one-half years of experience we have had in working with staffed state organizations. And

generally speaking we continue to think that that is the best device. But we are convinced that the method has as its major shortcoming weaknesses in just those states where strength is most needed. We have come to distinguish between the "hard-core" states and the others in the South. By almost any reckoning, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana are the "hard-core" states. In three of those five states the SRC assisted organizations have shown a reticence of purpose amounting almost to timidity. Indeed, in Mississippi we think we have failed to establish a representative and forward-looking Board capable of supporting an active program. For quite different reasons -- mainly connected with the difficult geography of the state -- we have not yet got going in Tennessee an organization capable of independent action.

To match these areas of special difficulty, however, there is a success story in most of the remaining state organizations. Arkansas, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida have shown gratifying development. In each of those states the organization has made a real dent on public opinion. The Alabama Council on Human Relations should be added to the honor roll of ones that have succeeded, when the severe obstacles in social climate and the limited resources available are taken into account; by nearly all measures it has performed well.

To sum up, six state organizations have done notably well; three or four have done well enough to make it likely that they can continue to be quite useful in their states; and one, two, or three have not yet found a pace and a way to work.

We began in your first period of aid to us with an even-handed offer to each of the twelve states. In the last few months, we have found

it clearly wiser to tailor-make our aid to some. For the coming twelve months, which will be the last period of your present grant, we will go further in altering the amounts of aid state by state. It averages out pretty well for the twelve states, but some will get a little more and some a little less.

And we think this tailor-making method is the one to follow for the future.

Now what does one do in places where the state organization is weak and the problem is extra hard? By stimulus from the central office you get persons with professional skills, who are already established in those states (academics or ministers or others), to proceed to pull together the material available in the locality for conferences and understanding between the races. This is an extension of the machinery we have worked out for employing local consultants on a per diem basis. Clearly the complex problems of the South cannot be met with rigid assumptions about method; a realistic and flexible approach is essential.

Out of the travail of the South this central office continues to be called upon for expanding rather than diminishing services. The staff in Atlanta are not empire builders (indeed they have a good deal of disposition in the other direction) but the Council has been hard put to find the funds to enable it to keep alive a sufficient body of informed and sympathetic staff members aided by a ready and trustworthy flow of fact. For the next few years, at any rate, a strong central organization seems essential to the success of this movement.

Experience has taught us that the state organizations pretty early come up against a wall of what they can raise locally without grave

sacrifice to program. Three or four thousand dollars a year strains the best of them. We cannot expect to get a useful program, state by state, at an average figure of less than $7,500 a year of subsidy per state organization. Take the $4,000 they may, perhaps, be able to raise, and you still have only $11,500; which is precious little on which to pay a full-time executive, a clerk, quite a number of consultants, a lot of travel, the rent, the telephone, and the rest.

CENTRAL OFFICE

The central office can raise $40,000 to $50,000 in a good year. And Southern money for our cause is harder, not easier, to get. It is taking about $100,000 a year now to run what is called for in the central office. We do not see how a responsible service can be provided on less than direct aid of $40,000 a year in addition to what we can raise from other sources.

DURATION OF AID

As to how long a new program should run, we now think that at the end of three more years of aid the back of the problem would be broken. Enough Southern communities would have opened their schools to prove to most of the rest that the change is manageable and ought to be welcomed. At the end of that time we think that quite a number of our state organizations might well have been transformed into agencies assisted from state funds or local gifts, working the more efficiently because of the accumulated non-official experience and because of the availability of trained personnel. Even in the more difficult states the habit of ready interchange between Negro and white citizens would have been launched, at least in some areas.

The whole cost of such a program amounts to $130,000 per year or a total cost of $390,000 for three years. The Southern Regional Council requests the Fund for the Republic to consider a grant to it beginning October 1, 1957, in those terms.

It should be recalled that our original request contemplated a five year program costing $1,400,000. This present proposal coupled with your generous grant for 1954-7 gives a total of well under $900,000, and includes help for six years instead of five.

I, myself, and the members of the staff will be, as heretofore, most anxious to supply you with whatever detailed information and appraisal the Fund for the Republic may wish.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Wright
President

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9/12/56

M E M O R A N D U M

To: EAB
From: FBR

The missing portion of the minutes of the executive committee meeting read as follows:

After a thorough review of the activities of the Mississippi Council On Human Relations and the prevailing climate of attitudes and pattern of practices in the state the assistant directors for state organizations respectfully recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that: (1) The Board and Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council On Human Relations should be notified that our financial support of the MCHR will be terminated as of January 1, 1957. (2) That should MCHR fail to meet its minimum requirement in fund raising for the 1955-56 fiscal year, that funds be witheld as of October 1, 1956

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
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April 20 - 21, 1956

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April 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Discussion of Post-1957 Program of SRC

Reports —
- Executive Director
- Assistant Directors —
  - Information
  - State Organizations
  - Program

Secretary Treasurer

Review of Budget

Finance Committee

Board and Committee Membership - Resignations and Additions

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Limit Future Urban Meetings of Executive Committee meetings to one day?

Personnel Classifications

Possible White House Interest in SRC

Legal Fee arising from Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

Selection of Counsel to replace Leonard Hass

April 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Report - Director of Women's Work

Other business

~~Selection of Counsel to replace Leonard Hass~~

Executive Session

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COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

April 28, 1956

Mr. Fred Routh
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Apt. 5
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Fred:

I was very glad to see you at the Columbia meeting which helped me clear much of my thinking in this matter of approach. I don't believe a better staff could have been assembled. I am sorry we could not make the meeting last for several days instead of a few hours.

As I mentioned to you in Columbia, I suggest the cost for Penn entertaining the Executive Committee at $3.50 for three meals and lodging over night. Would you not like also for us to serve the noon meal Friday, since your meeting is to begin at 2:00 o'clock? This would be at one dollar extra per member if we did.

While I feel that Penn is an excellent location for meetings and conferences yet it is somewhat inaccessible for interstate groups. If several of the members plan to fly I could make arrangements to meet them in either Charleston or Savannah. In this case, I would suggest notifying the committee members that transportation would be leaving from Savannah (or Charleston) at a definite hour. We should leave at 11 o'clock to make a lunch at Frogmore at noon. However when you know the plane's schedule, it may be that departure from the airport could be set at an earlier hour.

Should you want me to meet the folk at the airport please let me know how many to expect and the hour. I am enclosing 20 folders which can be sent to the committee members. The folder gives a map and directions on how to get to Penn.

Sincerely yours,

Courtney Siceloff

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GSA

May 8, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore Post Office
St. Helena Island, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I was indeed happy to see you at the meeting in Columbia and I am pleased to learn that it helped clear your thinking in the nature of the approach of the Southern Regional Council.

I am forwarding copies of your pamphlet on Penn to the Executive Committee members and am also sending a copy to each of our State Directors for their information. They are often asked where in the Deep South can interracial meetings be held and this I think they will be pleased to learn.

The financial arrangements you mention in your letter and which we discussed at Columbia are more than satisfactory. I will let you know in advance about the noon meal Friday.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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COURTNEY SICELOFF
DIRECTOR

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Mr. Frederick D. Smith
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Smith,

We will be very glad to have the executive committee of the Southern Regional Council meet at Penn on July 20-21. We are quite anxious that [illegible] about our facilities and that full use be made of them, perhaps members of the executive committee will help spread the word.

The cost for the three meals and lodging will be $3.25. However, I note that your meeting is to begin at 2:00 P.M., perhaps a number of the members would find it more convenient to have Friday lunch here as well. We will be glad to serve the additional meal for seventy-five cents, but would like to know how many would be present.

Penn can be reached by following U.S. Highway #21 through Beaufort, South Carolina toward Hunting Island on the ocean, turn right seven miles from Beaufort at the village of Frogmore, and proceed one half mile to Penn. Your group will most likely be lodged in Arnett house on the left side of the road while meetings will take place in Luther Building, on the right side.

Beaufort is served by the Greyhound bus, and a taxi from Beaufort to Penn can be taken. Yemassee is the closest station on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and we can plan to meet committee members there if notified in advance. Airports at Charleston and Savannah are equidistant, and buses from those cities to Beaufort run regularly.

We are having a folder on Penn printed now, and will send you enough for committee members; this contains a map and may have you some explanation.

Sincerely,

Courtney Sic loff

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February 14, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siegleff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, S. C.

Dear Mr. Siegleff:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council would like to meet at the Penn School on Friday and Saturday, July 20-21. Meetings start with supper on Friday and continue thorough mid-afternoon Saturday thus involving breakfast and luncheon as well, for a total of three meals and one night's accomodations. Usually 12-15 people meet for the sessions. We are interracial and both men and women attend.

Mr. Marion A. Wright, SRC President, speaks highly of you and the Penn School. Would you please notify me of costs involved for this proposed conference and whether you can confirm the dates requested.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director.

FBR:mf

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright
Dr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. G. S. Alexander
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander

P. S. This meeting is scheduled to start Friday, 2:00 p. m.

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU[redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

July 16, 1956

FILE COPY

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

In preparation for the meeting at St. Helena's July 20-21, we send you certain customary information. Also a first tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic asking for help after the present grant is through.

All items by way of enabling speedier discussion at St. Helena's.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina
July 20 - 21, 1956

July 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P. M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Reports

Executive Director
Assistant Directors
Information
State Organizations
Program
Director of Women's Work
Secretary-Treasurer

Review of Budget

Finance Committee

Friday Evening, 7:30 P. M.

Board and Committee Membership - Resignations and Additions

Nominating Committee Announcement

Amendments to By-Laws

Changes in Methods of Financial Assistance

Review of Action re: Legal Aid to State Staff People

Review of State Laws Affecting Voluntary Organizations

July 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A. M.

Annual Meeting at Tuskegee, November 14, 1956

Other Business

Executive Session

FIRST TRIAL DRAFT OF A LETTER TO F FOR R
BEGGING MONEY FOR POST-1957

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Perforce we begin to think about our fundless days which begin October 1, 1957.

I am quite aware of the firm language which you used, and which the fund's letter of grant of April 2, 1954 used, to the effect that the Fund for the Republic had no notion of helping the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the three and a half years during which the Fund's grants were prospectively to run.

Yet the job isn't done, and we aren't strong enough to stand alone.

It needs be clear that I Mitchell am not one to argue for a perpetual Southern Regional Council. I have thought all along that each Southern state should have a strong statewide agency in human relations, hooked to some National congeries of such agencies; and that we should all get over thinking of the South as forever queer, requiring special, different treatment. I voice this view repeatedly in SRC's Board meetings, and each time am cried down: "That may be very well in some long run, but for the next few years we have to have a Southern Regional Council." With that limited need I agree. I say three more years.

THE STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Six and possibly seven of the state organizations we have helped can be expected to come through as intended, and be self-sustaining, or almost entirely so, after October, 1957. Some of them will cut down their staffs, but this many can live practically alone, and deepen their local roots. Here are these agencies, and the figures that make us feel they are safe:

Draft - 2
David Freeman:

ALL RIGHT	AMOUNT RAISED 10/55 - 6/30/56	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 7/1/56
Virginia	$3,331.00	547
Kentucky	717.00	233
Florida	1,318.00	331
Texas	1,737.00	201
Arkansas	814.00	148
South Carolina	2,337.00	399
Georgia	3,332.00	628
Alabama	2,283.00	485
CIEARLY WEAK:		
Mississippi	1,005.00	252
Tennessee	937.00	201
WOBBLY:		
North Carolina	1,588.00	471
Louisiana	1,823.00	264

We would like to be able to help the weak and the wobblers with up to four or five thousand dollars a year for the next three years. That would average out at $25,000 a year for the state organizations. We wouldn't covenant to help each equally each year (as we have done until quite lately with the current grant). We would tailor-make each State's aid to its carefully assessed need. And we would feel free to help even the strong ones with a hundred here and there.

Draft - 3
David Freeman

For the central office there's a choice of three plans:

Type One. A paymaster and an inspector and a clerk, and a little for travel and rent money and supplies and postage. Cost $24,000 a year.

Type Two. Minimum coordination. A head-man, a Secretary-Treasurer, a field man, an information man. This would let us get out a magazine somehow, travel to the states, tie them together a little, do little or nothing of our present job of interpreting change to the nation. Cost $50,000 a year.

Type Three: Workable coordination. Better-paid people, more clerks, continue to work with the Church Women, travel more, keep on being port of lading for national inquirers. Cost $70,000 a year.

Budget-Type One	
Director	$8,000
Sec'y-Treas	5,000
Clerk	3,000
Travel	4,000
Rent, etc.	3,000
Board	1,000
Total	$24,000

Budget-Type Two	
Director	$8,000
Sec'y-Treas	5,000
Clerks	6,000
Field man	7,000
Information	7,000
Research (includes clerical)	7,000
Rent, etc.	4,300
Board	1,500
Travel	5,000
Total	$50,800

Budget-Type Three	
Director	$10,000
Sec'y Treas.	5,000
Clerks	9,000
Field man	8,000
Information	8,000
Research (includes clerical)	7,000
Dir. of Wm's Wk. & Program	10,000
Travel	6,000
Rent, etc.	5,100
Board	1,500
Total	$69,600

Draft - 4
David Freeman

SRC's OWN MONEY-RAISING

This whole proposal is grounded on the idea that at least six of the state organizations would raise all or practically all of their own money. That's on the order of $13,000 a year apiece. Total about $75,000 a year.

It also expects six state organizations to raise most of their own money; about $50,000 a year.

Which is a self-raised amount of $125,000 a year for each of three years. All in, $375,000. From the states alone.

Now turn to the central office. It can raise around $35,000 a year, by staff efforts. If the Fund for the Republic would put in $20,000 a year for each of three years that's $55,000. It would be possible to stop at that, and finance a Type Two office. I recommend that SRC's Board be charged with raising enough more, by its own efforts, (at least $15,000), to stretch up to the Type Three budget.

REVIEW OF REQUEST AND FORECAST:

Three years more of aid.

States to raise $125,000 a year. Fund for the Republic to put in for the states, $25,000 a year.

Central office to raise $50,000 a year. Fund for the Republic would put in $20,000 a year.

For three years, totals

SRC to raise $525,000

Fund for the Republic to put in $135,000

Atlanta, Georgia
July 12, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAI COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 inclusive.

The following Exhibits and schedules, together with comments, are shown below:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Financial Condition, June 30, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Operating Fund
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations.
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned.
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
SCHEDULE 3- Schedule of Contributions

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $18,723.78
Cash In Bank - Special Projects - $29,699.93

All recorded receipts were checked with bank deposits, and all disbursements, which were made by check, were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at June 30, 1956 were confirmed by correspondence with the respective banks.

State Organizations - Savings - $49,650.00

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations program, and are invested in short-term U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,805.00

This represents funds invested in U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by the bank holding them for safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2520.14

This is the total of withholding taxes and Old-Age Benefit taxes for both the central office and State Organizations for June, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $640.48

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D shows the changes in the Fellowship of the Concerned Fund for the period.

Advance Appropriations - $99,500.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic pertains to the next three months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers six months, and the New World Foundation advance covers seven months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central office of $32,973.17, which includes transfers from Citizens Trust Company, $7,000.00 of unexpended State Organizations' 1955-56 funds, and $20,000.00 of Fact-Finding Program funds to First National checking account. Surplus at the end of June, 1956 is $16,383.88 less than at March 31, 1956.

In our opinion, the attached Statement of Financial Conditions and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at June 30, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-month period ended at that date.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)	$ 18,723.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch. 2)	29,699.93	
State Organizations - Savings	49,650.00	
Accounts Receivable - Literature	80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings	29,805.00	
Total Assets		$ 129,188.71

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,520.14	
Georgia Sales Tax		2.01	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission of Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	299.41	640.48	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	37,500.00		
Fact-Finding Program	45,000.00		
New World Foundation	17,000.00	99,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 102,662.63
Surplus			26,526.08
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 129,188.71

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (See Schedule 3)	$ 2,645.00		
Members Dues	80.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,948.17		
Sale of Literature	647.88		
Honoraria	652.12		
Transfer from State Organizations:			
Unexpended 1955-56 State Organization Funds	7,000.00		
Fact-Finding Checking account	20,000.00	$ 32,973.17	
Balance in Bank April 1, 1956		14,378.09	
Total To Be Accounted For			$ 47,351.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	17,062.20	
Travel	1,981.38	
Printing - other than New South	639.06	
Printing and Postage - New South	2,018.62	
Rent	420.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	790.09	
Postage	124.83	
Consultants Fees	70.00	
Special Projects - Printing	1,004.22	
Special Services	35.50	
Accounting Services	50.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	254.17	
Books and Subscriptions	113.54	
Georgia Sales Tax	5.98	
Office Supplies	316.92	
Social Security Taxes	315.87	
Fact-Finding Program	3,418.10	
Miscellaneous	7.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 28,627.48
Balance June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

New World Foundation	$ 17,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Certificates	39,759.60	
Interest Income	773.10	$ 57,532.70
Balance April 1, 1956		66,167.64
Total to be Accounted For		$ 123,700.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	29,719.78	
Consultants Fees	1,474.80	
Travel	42.95	
Local Expenses	1,600.00	
Consultants Training Program	1,010.05	
Irene Osborne	637.21	
John Hope II	2,655.45	
Social Security Taxes	587.41	
Liability Insurance	108.24	
Transfer to Central Office	27,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 64,835.89
Balance, June 30, 1956		$ 58,864.45

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 29,059.45
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,805.00
	$ 58,864.45

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGION AL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1956	$ 413.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel Expense	113.70
Balance, June 30, 1956	$ 299.41

EXHIBIT D

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Central Office

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
June 30, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 21,891.56
Less Checks Outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
60	$ 15.65	
62	7.79	
64	22.36	
73	1.10	
75	235.43	
76	2.00	
77	213.10	
78	397.33	
79	270.45	
80	245.24	
81	185.67	
82	175.26	
83	204.10	
84	138.43	
85	103.19	
86	138.43	
87	104.80	
88	94.95	
89	118.08	
90	204.10	
91	219.10	
92	39.22	
93	30.00	
95	2.00	3,167.78
Balance per books June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

SCHEDULE I

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Special Projects

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
June 30, 1956

Balance per bank statement $ 35,088.30

Less Checks Outstanding:

Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
2842	$ 58.71	3063	$ 98.19	
2895	118.01	3064	88.19	
2984	100.00	3065	182.26	
3005	88.19	3066	187.26	
3029	6.92	3068	177.26	
3030	455.00	3069	182.26	
3038	21.78	3070	83.19	
3041	32.75	3071	187.26	
3042	11.70	3072	172.26	
3043	24.57	3073	102.09	
3044	20.00	3074	182.26	
3045	182.26	3075	83.19	
3046	84.80	3076	92.80	
3047	182.26	3078	250.00	5,388.37
3048	197.26			
3049	82.79			
3050	192.26			
3051	177.26			
3052	88.19			
3053	182.26			
3054	100.17			
3055	109.80			
3056	187.26			
3058	88.19			
3059	182.26			
3060	84.80			
3061	172.26			
3062	88.19			

Balance per books June 30, 1956 $ 29,699.93

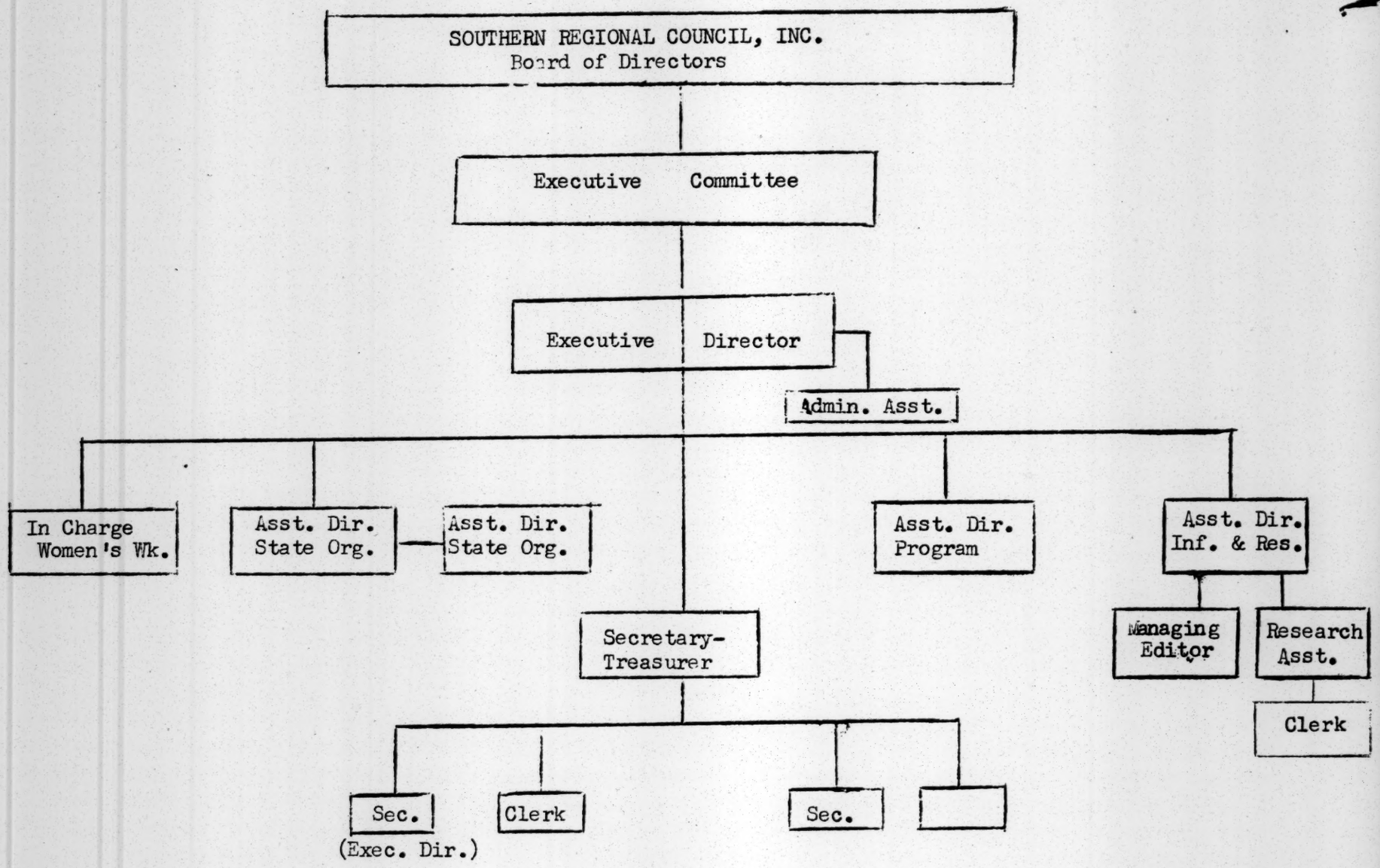
SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Contributions
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

INDIVIDUALS	$ 1,265.00	$ 1,265.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Automobile Workers, International Union	1,000.00	
Consolidated Charities of LeMoyne College	10.00	1,010.00
CHURCHES:		
Division of National Missions of the Board of the Methodist Church	250.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	270.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL	$ 2,645.00

SCHEDULE 3


SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Board of Directors
Executive Committee
Executive Director
Admin. Asst.
In Charge Women's Wk.
Asst. Dir. State Org.
Asst. Dir. State Org.
Asst. Dir. Program
Asst. Dir. Inf. & Res.
Managing Editor
Research Asst.
Clerk
Secretary-Treasurer
Sec. (Exec. Dir.)
Clerk
Sec.

LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF WITH PRESENT SALARY RATE AND SCHEDULE OF DUTIES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF — FULL TIME

	SALARY RATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - George S. Mitchell	$ 11,000.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH - Harold C. Fleming (See attached sheet for duties)	7,500.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Frederick B. Routh (See attached sheet for duties)	7,250.00 per year
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK - Mrs. M. E. Tilly (See attached sheet for duties)	5,250.00 per year
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Ruth House Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - G. S. Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	6,000.00 per year
MANAGING EDITOR OF NEW SOUTH - John Constable, Jr. (See attached sheet for duties)	5,000.00 per year
RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Florence B. Irving (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year

PART-TIME

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - C. H. Parrish (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day

TEMPORARY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM - John Hope II (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day
CONSULTANT—INFORMATION AND RESEARCH (Special Fact-Finding Project) - Mrs. Margaret Price	27.00 per day

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CLERICAL STAFF-FULL-TIME

	SALARY RATE
SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley Handles all correspondence and arrangements for the Executive Director, handles all correspondence files and does some steno work for other members of the professional staff.	$ 3,100.00 per year
SECRETARY TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF -- Mary Elizabeth Friedman Handles correspondence and arrangements for Assistant Directors and person in Charge of Women's Work.	3,000.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Frances Carnes Handles correspondence for Administrative Assistant and Secretary-Treasurer. Handles present details regarding Council membership, New South circulation and sale of literature. Does other mimeographing and typing. Serves as receptionist.	2,700.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Yvonne Southall Bankston Performs general clerical work for the Research Assistant which includes typing of correspondence and reports; assist in obtaining of clippings from periodicals and newspapers; filing and classification of clippings; filing of pamphlet materials; and servicing some of the requests for information.	2,700.00 per year

LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF
WITH SALARY RATE AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Executive Director - $11,000. per year

Assistant Director for Information and Research - $7,500.per year.

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine, New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council. This official has direction and control of the Managing Editor and the Research Assistant.

Assistant Director for State Organization (2 persons) - $7,250. per year.

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy. To originate programs of activities suitable for each state and to attempt to secure adoption and execution of such programs.

Assistant Director for Program -

Using an extensive knowledge of community programs and Southern movements, under the supervision of the Executive Director and with the cooperation of the Assistant Director for State Organizations and assistance from other staff members; to coordinate the training of state staff personnel and their boards and program committee members in program design, development and execution. To recruit highly skilled professional persons to serve as consultants in such training programs. To develop standardized criteria for evaluating effectiveness of state programs. To use such criteria in evaluating program in the states. In cooperation with the rest of the professional staff, under the supervision of the Executive Director, to originate and develop suitable program activities for the central office.

Director of Women's Work - $5,250.per year.

To administer, in conformity with the broad policy of the Southern Regional Council, a program relating activities of individual Church women and of Church groups to the concerns of the Southern Regional Council. The program with the Church women and with other Church bodies is to have a high degree of autonomy as befits a relationship with Church connected bodies.

To travel widely to gatherings of Church people; to be in frequent contact personally and by correspondence with organizational leaders in the various denominational groups; to prepare releases and special publications for use by these bodies; and to assist with advice and information to various Church programs akin to the purposes of the Southern Regional Council. In addition, and specifically, to assist the Fellowship of the Concerned or any similar special organization of its kind.

To promote state or regional meetings of women, whether church connected or not, with a view of enlisting their aid in support of the Council's activities.

Secretary-Treasurer - $4,000. per year

Central Office - The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for all bookkeeping records including receipts, disbursements, payroll and tax records with filing of tax forms and payment of taxes; for all banking of Council's money; for purchases of office supplies and equipment and for payment of all the Council's obligations including checking of invoices and preparation of checks. With the help of auditor, makes finance reports to Fund for the Republic and to SRC Executive Committee.

She also keeps permanent records of the Council, including records of Board membership, minutes of meeting and all matters pertaining to SRC members and associates. She is also responsible for New South circulation and for filling orders and keeping records on sale of literature. She is responsible for office management, supervision of clerical assistants and for providing clerical and stenographic held needed by the professional staff including employment of such people as may be needed, subject to approval by the Executive Director.

Under the state organizations' set up she will be responsible for payrolls for these employees, for working with them on their budgets for office and travel needs, and for obtaining and reporting on their monthly finance reports to the Council as well as their New South circulation.

At the present time the Secretary-Treasurer has the help of one clerical assistant.

Administrative Assistant - $6,000. per year

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director shall establish and supervise accounting procedures; handle all insurance matters, including guarding against lapses or under-insurance; prepare fiscal analysis and reports needed by staff or committees or the Board; prepare and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Committee proposed budgets, and reports showing fiscal operations and status pursuant to budgets as finally adopted; and upon request advise and consult with the state organizations on purchasing, fiscal, budgetary, and accounting matters.

The Administrative Assistant shall perform his duties under the direction of the Executive Director.

Managing Editor of New South - $5,000.

Assist the Assistant Director for Information and Research in the informatio program with special reference to preparation of New South; also the preparation of other publications of the Council, contact with the press, interviewing of journalists and other visitors interested in the work of the Council and working with directors of state affiliates of the Council on their information program.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

Research Assistant - $4,000. per year

To perform such fact-finding and research as may be required. To assemble, classify, and maintain reference files drawn from newspaper reports, periodicals, Census publications, and other reference materials. To handle mail requests for information. To conduct occasional mail surveys of race relations practices in such fields as municipal employment, professional associations, public libraries, and recreation facilities. To provode technical assistance to community self-surveys. To write occasional articles for New South.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

1/10/56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenses as of June 30, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 6/30/56	Percent of Budget realized
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 8,885.00	63.4
Dues	500.00	311.00	62.2
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	5,016.67	83.6
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	1,215.32	40.5
Honoraria	1,000.00	959.80	95.9
Interest Income	800.00	1,587.00	198.3
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended Balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	$ 57,574.79	88.7
*Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180.00	14,150.00	59.9
Sub Total	$ 93,080.00	$ 71,724.79	77.0
Special Project - Fund for the Republic		1,000.00	
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 72,724.79	

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 6/30/56	Percent of Budget Expended
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	$ 46,933.81	76.1
Social Security Tax	800.00	581.87	72.7
Travel	7,500.00	6,483.34	86.4
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	5,463.52	84.0
Printing other	2,000.00	822.59	41.1
Rent	1,680.00	1,260.00	75.0
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	2,199.10	87.9
Postage	2,000.00	698.75	34.4
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	342.63	114.2
Accounting fees	500.00	355.00	71.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	397.79	132.5
Office Supplies	2,900.00	1,422.90	49.0
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs.	2,000.00	1,517.97	75.8
Special Mtgs. in connection with Women's Work	2,500.00	586.89	23.4
Sub-Total	$ 93,080.00	$ 69,066.16	74.2
Special Project - Printing		1,004.22	
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 70,070.38	

*Includes $5,000.00 from unexpended State Funds

7/13/56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$ 93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$ 31,167.00	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry-over from Duke and Field Funds (1954-55)	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$ 75,667.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 7/13/56	6,495.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$ 82,162.00
Balance to be covered by unexpended State Funds, etc.		$ 10,918.00

*Amount raised to date:

(1) The Marshall Field Foundation	$ 3,750.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small foundations	400.00
Labor organizations	2,875.00
Small organizations	110.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	2,570.00
Board Members	1,521.00
Individual Contributions	1,509.00
Associate Members	331.00
New South Subscriptions	5,322.00
Honoraria	906.00
Interest	1,587.00
Sale of Literature	1,232.00
TOTAL	$ 31,167.00

**Amount expectable:

New South	$ 795.00
Honoraria	100.00
Board Members	100.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of Literature	100.00
Small foundations	600.00
Labor organizations	4,500.00
TOTAL	$ 6,495.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

July 13, 1956

Executive Committee Meeting July 20 - 21, 1956

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met at 2:00 P.M. on July 20, 1956, at Penn Center, St. Helena Island, South Carolina. The following members were present: Mr. B. R. Brazael, Mr. Paul Christopher, Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Mr. John Griffin, the Rev. Duncan Hunter, Dr. C. H. Parrish, Father Maurice Shean, and Miss Josephine Wilkins. Staff members who attended the meeting were: Mr. G. S. Alexander, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Mr. John Constable, Mr. Harold Fleming, Mr. John Hope, Dr. George S. Mitchell, Mr. Fred Routh, and Mrs. M. E. Tilly.

In executive session, Paul Christopher was elected temporary chairman.

The following resolution was passed, and later read to the staff members who sat in on the remainder of the meeting:

> The executive committee wishes to express its gratification over the manner in which the Central Office staff has been rounded out with high quality personnel, and the leadership it is giving to the area served by the Southern Regional Council.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, executive director, joined the group in the latter part of its executive session. He told the committee that he had been preparing his mind for some time for withdrawing from his duties at the Council at a time fixed as mid-January, 1957, and he asked the Executive Committee to prepare ~~their minds~~ to relieve him at about that time. The Committee decided to consider the matter further in executive session the following day.

At this time, staff members were invited to join the Executive Committee for its general session.

Approval of Minutes

ON MOTION of Father Shean, minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated by mail.

Report of Executive Director - Dr. Mitchell

You have had mailed out to you your last quarterly report for the three months ending June 30. That should bring you up to date. We have lived within our budget; we have kept our promises to the states. Fred Routh has got the states going in an acceptable direction. We have raised an unexpected $17,000, specifically for the program which John Hope is putting on. That $17,000 almost gets us over the hump toward qualifying for the next year's grant from the Fund for the Republic. We are over the hump on funds for the Central Office budget. Anything the finance committee can raise ~~is gravy~~ can probably go for next year.

You have got the people here who manage the various phases of our work. I suggest you hear from them.

Report of Director of Information

Harold Fleming stated that the executive committee had received the report dated July 3, and that he would not attempt to repeat that report.

Two points were brought out about the director: First, Dr. Mitchell prepared a brief article for the Fund for the Republic, which was picked up and editorialized by Life Magazine. Secondly, the famous "map talk" is being put on film by the Presbyterians, USA, under their social action program.

Under the fact-finding program, Mr. Fleming reported that a

survey of specific instances of desegregation since 1954 had been completed. The Fund for the Republic contemplates putting out a paper-back edition which would include both reports, the South and non-South. Copies will be available for the Council, and it can make such use of the material as it sees fit. In any case, it will be released to the press, and it should get some public attention. It might do something to help clear the air a bit, counteracting some of the negative publicity on this subject.

Harold Fleming then outlined studies which are in progress: A study of the industrialization of the South is being conducted by Hammer & Company, industrial consultants. Another study under way concerns the Negro vote. One field worker is searching in the field of resistance movements; another is working on trade unions and race relations. On this latter the Council is cooperating on another study which is under the official sponsorship of the AFofL - CIO, the main part of which is being financed by the Fund for the Republic.

Report on State Organizations

Fred Routh distributed copies of a written report, and then outlined progress of the various organizations, state by state. As "Exhibit B", Mr. Routh presented figures for the budgeting of funds ~~to be~~ the staff may recommend to be made available to the state groups during the next budget year. Then followed a lengthy discussion of what was considered to be a fundamental question: whether to continue to distribute the funds to state organizations on an "even-~~Stephen~~ Steven" basis, or to adjust the funds according to the performance of the organizations. Father Shean pointed out that some state directors are facing the

decision as to whether to look for another job. Mr. Grazeal said that careful consideration should be given to the continuance of clerks, for often these are key persons.

Mr. Hunter raised a question about the amount of time a state staff should spend in fund-raising. Mr. Routh replied that fund-raising has been the responsibility of the boards in each state, but that in the cases where the board has not assumed the responsibility, the staff has been forced to do so.

A discussion of the situation in Mississippi was postponed until after the arrival of Dr. Parrish, who had made a trip to that state with Fred Routh. It was decided to continue the consideration of the whole question of finances of state organizations after that report.

Fellowship of the Concerned

Mrs. Tilly distributed copies of a written report on her May trip to Birmingham, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, and commented on her experiences. ~~in her usual lively and prophetic manner~~. She stated that a southwide meeting of church women is set for October 30-31. Additional funds are needed for putting on this meeting, and for follow-up work afterwards. The church women are the key, said Mrs. Tilly; they have the courage, but they have no money.

Dr. Mitchell reported that a request for funds for this work was made to Rockefeller following the last meeting, but it was denied. Josephine Wilkins commented that the women's work has a special appeal. Paul Christopher spoke of the need for getting more interest on the part of the churches. It was decided to postpone until a later time in the meeting further discussion of financing of the program with church women.

Mrs. Tilly said that there is need for a new leaflet on the subject of "The Bible and Race" and that this is in progress. Mr. Dabbs mentioned that the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen is preparing material on this subject.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Alexander reminded the committee that the audit for the last three months had been sent out by mail. She passed around copies of a "Statement of Income Raised Anew" for the period October 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, attached. She reported that since the Statement was prepared, an additional $1,200 had been received, reducing the balance to be raised by September 30 (to be eligible for the 1956-57 grant from the Fund for the Republic) to $5,814.03.

Mr. Brazeal asked what specific efforts are being made to raise this sum, and Dr. Mitchell ~~spoke to this point.~~ said that he hoped an appeal from the AFL-CIO would largely cover it.

Budget

At this time the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year was presented, with explanatory remarks by Mrs. Alexander and Dr. Mitchell. After further discussion, the executive committee received the budget and commended the manner in which it was presented.

MOTION (Shean-Wilkins): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED that the executive committee urge the members of the Board to make contributions or secure further contributions for the support of the Central Office, as per the resolution of (date) Feb. 17, 1955.

Paul Christopher suggested that a letter such as this might go to Board members: "From the 50 at-large Board members, we had hoped to raise a total of not less than $4,500. Contributions have not come in from _____ Board members. We are hoping to raise this amount of money from our Board members."

Finance Committee

Then followed a discussion of the finance committee. It was reported that a memorandum had been sent to that committee on June 18. Its activity, stated Dr. Mitchell, hangs on filling the post of treasurer. We are willing to turn in and write more letters and do what the treasurer tells us to do, he continued, but we need the treasurer to tell us.

Dr. Mitchell said that we have been staving off destruction by rescue actions by different foundations for the last twenty years. Josephine Wilkins said that she thought foundations are going to have to be in the picture for a long time to come.

Paul Christopher said, "I think we are missing money that we could get." He then described his plan of keeping a list of around a hundred people in Knoxville who are willing to give $5 or $10 to a cause when he asks them. He explained that he calls the person/by telephone first, to let them know that he is going to visit them about the matter. Each time he does this, he continued, some of them say "Don't come!" and promise the money immediately. ~~(This was received~~ stet by tactless guffaws from those present, and the hint that money was being put forward to avoid seeing Paul Christopher.)*

Next Meeting

Josephine Wilkins suggested that in view of Dr. Mitchell's announcement, and other pressing matters, a meeting of the executive committee should be held in September.

MOTION: (Shean-Wilkins) IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED that the members of the executive committee be polled to determine whether September 14-15 or September 21-22 would be more acceptable dates, and that the staff arrange a meeting accordingly.

The meeting then recessed for dinner.

* Interpolation

Executive Committee Minutes

The executive committee reconvened for the evening session at 7:30 P.M. Harold Fleming led off with a review of the subject which has been headed "White House Interest." At the last meeting, he recalled, the executive committee instructed the staff to take steps looking toward a statement from the President of the United States that would recognize the work of the Council at this time. This has been a complicated effort, but within the last week a conference was held with presidential advisers.

The result of this meeting, according to Mr. Fleming's report, was an expression of enthusiastic interest in developing a presidential message to SRC that would encourage people of good will in the region. The SRC would be expected to arrange publicity and editorial comment commensurate with the importance of the message.

Discussion followed of the kind of occasion which might provide an opportunity for such a message. Father Shean asked if the date could be changed for Mrs. Tilly's meeting with church women, so that a statement could be tied in with it, but it was felt that plans for that meeting had gone too far for a change in date.

After considerable further discussion, it was agreed:

1. That it would be unwise and impracticable to arrange a special occasion before November.

2. That the staff should seek to elicit a presidential message on the occasion of the 12th annual meeting, November 14, 1956.

MOTION (Shean-Wilkins): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED that in view of the special circumstances which are facing the Southern Regional Council, in view of the fact that we do not have the appropriate opportunity to manufacture a special occasion at this time of year, that we instruct Harold Fleming to pursue a course that a statement be issued at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council.

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~~[At the suggestion of HF, no minutes were taken of his further description of the White House meeting.]~~

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Fred Routh raised the question of planning an anniversary dinner in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council in November. Dr. Mitchell asked where such a dinner could be held. Paul Christopher suggested the YWCA (in Atlanta) as a possibility.

Josephine Wilkins: It seems to me that if we wait until November, after the general election, we've got our meeting. If we are going to arrange a (special) meeting, it is going to take a lot of time. The other thing is to face up to the political aspects of this, and

whether we think it would be a good thing for the for the Southern Regional Council. What would the president be doing? He would be trying to get the Negro vote [in a statement issued prior to the general election].

Harold Fleming said that it does have political implications, because anything the president says will have a bearing on the candidacy. George Mitchell said, "The political implications are temporary; the abiding implications survive."

Mr. Brazeal: Why can't we wait until November and get a statement? This does have political overtones, and it might backfire in some way.

Mr. Dabbs: This puts Harold on the spot.

Mr. Brazeal: I think we should wait until the political overtones are not there.

Mr. Hunter: There would be no need for making such a statement then.

Mr. Parrish: Will this statement hurt what we are trying to do in the South?

Mr. Dabbs: I think it will move us along. I, for one, would take the risk of being moved, whether I knew where we were going or not! When this comes out in the papers, people who didn't know who we were will know, even though they cuss us out.

Paul Christopher: President Eisenhower has had a long, long time to make such a statement. Other powerful groups have tried to get him to issue a statement before now. I don't think we are going to get such a statement before November, if then. Frankly, I don't think we are going to get it.....I don't think we have the time

or the resources, in view of other work, to promote such a special occasion.

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MOTION (Shean-Wilkins): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED that in view of the special circumstances which are facing the Southern Regional Council, in view of the fact that we do not have the appropriate opportunity to manufacture a special occasion at this time of year, that we instruct Harold Fleming to pursue a course that a statement be issued at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council.

Report on Membership

Mr. G. A. Alexander presented the following report on Board and Committee membership:

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As of this date the Council has 77 Board Members of which 12 are ex-officio members (State Chairmen); 12 are State Representatives; 5 are officers and 48 are regular elected members. Of the 48 regular elected members, 23 are in the class of 1957 and 25 are in the class of 1956.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee two members have resigned (R. B. Atwood, Frankfort, Kentucky, 7/13/56; Leonard Haas, Atlanta, Georgia, 6/5/56). Mr. Joseph Haas was elected to the office of Counsel and thus becomes a member of the Board.

According to the by-laws of the Council, our membership of 48 is two less than the maximum number of 50 members that the Council may have at any one time.

At present, the Executive Committee has 9 members in addition to 5 officers of the corporation.

MOTION (Dabbs-Griffin) I T WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED that the executive committee accept with regret the resignations offered by Mr. Atwood and Mr. Haas.

Amendments to By-Laws

Mimeographed sheets were distributed which outlined proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Southern Regional Council.

[Details to be supplied by Mr. Alexander or Dr. Mitchell)

MOTION: (Griffin-Hunter) IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that the proposed amendments be accepted.

[Note: Please check the wording of this motion. I'm afraid I didn't get it correctly. ES]

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MOTION (Wilkins-Shean): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that the Central Office staff be instructed to draft a proposed change in the by-laws for presentation to the executive committee in September which will achieve this purpose: to empower the Executive Committee to fill vacancies within the Executive Committee from among members of the Board of Directors between annual meetings, subject to confirmation of the succeeding annual meeting.

Legal Aid

After a review of the action taken at a previous meeting regarding legal aid for State Board Members or staff, the following motion was passed:

MOTION (Shean-Brazeal): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that the Committee agree to pay the balance of the attorney's fee of Guy Wells.

Review of State Laws Affecting Voluntary Organizations

This subject had been discussed under Fred Routh's report.

Duncan Hunter: Do we have to work this out on a state level as to whether gifts are tax-deductable? We are in a quandary as to whether to raise this question at this moment in the state of Alabama.

Dr. Mitchell: You should apply for your own tax exemption. You could delay it a few months.

Harold Fleming: An organization may assume that it has tax exemption, but it does so at the risk of later having it challenged, and having the donors be required to pay taxes on their contributions.

Fred Routh: Until there is more clarity on this question, we are advising states to hold off on the applications for tax exemption.

Aid to States

Discussion was reopened on the question of allocation of funds to state organizations.

Dabbs: What we are really saying is that the states which used and appreciated an integrated staff we will help, and those which didn't do it, we will help to keep going with a white staff.

Brazeal: Where we have only a director and a clerk, I think we should advise the organization to use consultants on an interracial basis. That would establish an example of interracial working-together and it would make the director aware of his responsibility.

MOTION: (Shean-Brazeal) IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that further discussion of this topic be postponed until Fred Routh brings in a report as to how these funds may be practically distributed, within a formula for 25% latitude, or some other proposed latitude.

On MOTION of Josephine Wilkins, the meeting was adjourned until the following day.

July 22

The executive committee reconvened at 9:00 A.M. on July 22, 1956.

ON MOTION, the following resolution was approved by the

Executive Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee that the Central Staff of the Southern Regional Council shall have the authority to modify the proposed allocation of funds to any state affiliate, as outlined in Memo #1 for the third fiscal period; such modification not to exceed 25%.

Mississippi

Fred Routh then reviewed for the Executive Committee some of the difficulties which have arisen in the Mississippi state organization. He said that the situation in Mississippi had deteriorated to the point where there was a lack of confidence between the staff and the Mississippi board. Fred Routh's visit to Mississippi, with C. H. Parrish, led him to the following conclusions: (1) The Board was never able to pull itself together as a cohesive group; (2) the Board is not representative of the people of the state; and (3) the Board has not assumed its proper responsibility in terms of program direction or program planning.

C. H. Parrish sketched in further background material. He told of personality difficulties relating to the staff, and of the difficulty of carrying on an interracial organization in that state, with the office located in a Negro neighborhood. Harold Fleming pointed out that Mississippi is the one state organization that has never announced its efforts in the press.

Fred Routh read for the group several letters from members of the Mississippi board, giving their views of the problem.

After a lengthy discussion, the following MOTION was made by Mr. Brazeal, seconded by Father Shean, and PASSED:

MOTION: The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, taking into account the mutual responsibility of a central organization

and its state affiliates, instructs the Staff of the Southern Regional Council as follows: When it finds any state organization less than satisfactory, after systematic program review and assessment (the terms of which shall be notified in advance), to place that organization in provisional status for a stated period, at the end of which time, on the decision of the Executive Committee, funds may be withheld.

Consultant Program

John Hope reported on the consultant program. Most states, he said, have been very much interested in this type of assistance. He described the workshop held in South Carolina, which included members of the State Board and other key persons, with 39 in attendance. The state organization was pleased with the outcome of this meeting, and reported that it had already drawn in new blood as a result. (Hope:) Another development in Florida was significant. One of the objectives to Board-staff workshops is that it is a pretty expensive proposition. In Florida we had the workshop one day; at the end of that time, the board went into its meeting, and the consultants sat in. This device combined a training session with the board meeting, and the state was willing to pay the expenses of its board members.

Looking into the future, there is the plan of using the consultant program to plan meetings with local school boards. We are canvassing local persons with the idea of expanding our consultant program for such a purpose. If one or two of these properly develop, I would like to make the offer to all the states.

One other point I would like to bring up is the role of individual consultants in states. I think in the next several months we might canvass the states from the point of view of individual consultant service, rather than the workshop idea. That might be an important development when states begin to realize that they are being

judged on the basis of objective criteria. The question there would be the division of expense between the states and SRC.

Another question is the use of consultants in the speaking role. I don't know whether that is the proper function of the consultant service program or not. If it is, the question is whether it is part of the budgeted program or not.....That opens a much wider area for consultants. My only question is whether that is the most effective use of our resources.

(At this point Mr. Dabbs counseled, "See that the consultant doesn't get confused as to whether he is to make a speech or be a consultant!)

Hope: That is one reason why I hesitate to use consultants in this way. (Then followed a discussion of whether the publicity attending a speech would give a consultant a "name" and detract from his effectiveness as a consultant.)

Dr. Mitchell pointed out that C. H. Parrish is the "daddy" of the consultant service program; that it has been splendidly administered by John Hope, with no attempt to influence the program by Parrish. This, he stated, was an ideal father-son relationship.

Paul Christopher felt that the consultant program should have publicity in New South, so that its usefulness could be extended.

MOTION:(Shean-Wilkins) IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED THAT John Hope, in consultation with Harold Fleming, prepare an article for New South on the consultant program.

Evaluation

The staff distributed copies of a first draft of a proposed appeal letter to the Fund for the Republic for renewal of its grant. Dr. Mitchell explained that the letter was not in any final form,

but that it had been mimeographed at the suggestion of Marion Wright.

J. Wilkins: Shouldn't we hold up this letter until after September? Dr. Mitchell talked about the lean years. The Fund for the Republic came and touched us with its fairy wand. Then came the impact of the Supreme Court decision. Now we have to look at the future of the Council in the light of the announcement Dr. Mitchell has made to us here. It seems to me this letter should be held up until we come to grips with the situation we face. We have got to re-evaluate the whole thing.

Dr. Mitchell asked, "Would you like to ask definitely for money to cover the work of church women?" The group's answer was yes.

Then followed a lengthy discussion of the question of evaluating the effectiveness of the Council. John Griffin raised the question of having an outsider come in and evaluate the program. Harold Fleming said that such an evaluation would be helpful if there were enough time and money for it. He pointed out that Frank Loescher's sympathetic and inquiring approach had provided the sort of thing that was being talked about. Fred Routh said that Bob Johnson, one of SRC's consultants, who is with the American Friends Service Committee, has drawn up two memos on what a good organization should be doing.

MOTION: (Shean-Wilkins) It was moved, seconded and passed that the Council make use of the memos of Bob Johnson.

Harold Fleming said, "I think we have a great potential in our executive committee. They are experienced in all details; there is a freshness in their reactions and suggestions which is valuable to the staff." There was general agreement that the executive committee

could play an effective role in evaluation.

After further discussion, the Central Office staff was asked to redraft the appeal letter to the Fund for the Republic and to circulate the new draft to the executive committee before its next meeting.

Legal Aid to States

Dr. Mitchell described a memorandum which had been sent to state staff members on the subject of legal aid. He said, "Now you must say whether you are agreeable to state and central office staff being notified that they should be supported under extenuating circumatances."

MOTION (Shean-Dabbs): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that the executive committee approve of this action of the staff, as according with the action of the ~~the~~ previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

Annual Meeting

After discussion about the place to be set for the annual meeting, the following motion was passed.

MOTION (Shean-Dabbs): IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that the staff take steps to arrange for the annual meeting to be held at one of these places: (1) Williamsburg, (2) Gatlinburg, and (3)Louisville, and that the staff be empowered to alternate the order if circumstances arise which make it necessary.

The staff was then excused for an executive session.

Reported Minutes of the Executive Committee in Executive Session

With respect to Dr. Mitchell's announcement to the meeting on July 20, the executive committee decided to appoint a 5-member committee from among members of the Board of Directors to make a study of qualified personnel to succeed Dr. Mitchell as executive director, and to report to the September meeting of the executive committee. (This committee is urged to feel perfectly free to consult with Dr. Mitchell about his successor.)

The Committee members chosen were: Dr. Rufus Clement, chairman, Marion Wright, Josephine Wilkins, John Griffin, Dr. Albert Dent, and (if Dr. Dent cannot serve), John Wheeler.

~~This has to do with~~ As To Mrs. Tilly's special request for additional funds to finance the Southwide conference of southern church women in October, 1956. (1) Father Shean agreed to contact Immanuel Muravchik of the Jewish Labor Committee and to make a special request for up to $1,500. He will act on this next week, and will advise Dr. Mitchell. (2) Dr. Mitchell is requested to remind Dr. Clement to try another foundation, since the recommended contact was not productive, following the last executive committee meeting. (3) A special memo to Dr. Mitchell, asking that the letter to the Board members asking for additional contributions should make mention of the fact that there is a very special need for up to $1,500 for this conference (church women) and that up to that amount will be earmarked for Mrs. Tilly's conference. (NOTE: If Father Shean gets the $1,500, then all of the money we get from the Board members will go to the general fund.) (4) Josephine Wilkins agreed to speak very

earnestly with Mrs. Tilly and convey the feeling of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Tilly should be asked to solicit funds for these conferences from ~~her own~~ church women delegates and contacts.
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(Executive Session Minutes Dictated by
Paul Christopher, Acting Chairman)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
SALARY PROMOTIONAL STEPS SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1952

NAME	E.O.D.	1952	Amount	1953	Amount	1954	Amount	1955	Amount	1956	Amount
G. S. Mitchell	May '47	1/52	7,500	2/53	10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000
H. C. Fleming	Aug.'47	1/52	5,000	2/53	6,000	6/54	6,600	1/55	7,000		7,000
F. B. Routh	June'54					6/54	6,000	3/55	7,000		7,000
R. H. Alexander	May '54					5/54	3,000	8/55	4,000		4,000
G. S. Alexander	Oct.'55							10/55	6,000		6,000
E. A. Brantley	Apr.'54					4/54	3,000	4/5	3,000	4/15	3,100
Mrs. M.E. Tilly	1944	1/52	2,400	2/53	3,000	6/54	5,000		5,000	1/56	5,250
John Constable	Mar.'55							3/55	4,000	1/56	5,000
Florence Irving	Sept.'55							9/55	4,000		4,000

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

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TO: FBR
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FROM: GSM

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8th.

Present: Father Maurice V. Shean, who served as chairman; Mr. Benjamin Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Also present, George Mitchell who served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee began its work by examining the list of persons whose terms of office on the Board of Directors would expire in 1955.

It was agreed that the Committee would nominate for a second term of office all those who had been thus listed in the memo sent by Fred Routh to members of the Nominating Committee as having their terms of office expire in 1955, with the exception of Morris Abram, resigned, Ralph Barbare, O. D. Duncan, R. O'Hara Lanier, Clyde Milner, L. E. Thomas and A. S. Turnipseed.

This arrangement added seven vacancies to the already known five vacancies among elected members of the Board. Making a total of twelve vacancies.

Toward the filling of these vacancies, they nominated from Alabama: William Kaufman, L. H. Foster. From Arkansas: Lafayette Harris. From Georgia: Robert Snodgrass and Mrs. Robert McDougall. From Kentucky: Mrs. William Heuser. From Louisiana: Monte Lemann. From Mississippi: The Right Rev. Monsignor Brunini. From North Carolina: Harry L. Golden. From South Carolina: J. M. Dabbs. From Virginia: Frank Price. From Oklahoma: James Stewart.

In addition to those names, they nominated as alternates (available to be notified of election if vacancies should still exist after those just listed had been approached): Mrs. M. J. Bryant, York Wilburn, Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Mark Etheridge, Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Purser Hewitt, Julian Price, Raymond Wheeler, Mr. W. E. Solomon, Jackson G. Travelspeed, and Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins. Travelstead - Columbia, S.C.

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council, and for the vacancy as vice-president nominated Paul D. Williams of Richmond.

For the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee nominated all present elected members, plus J. M. Dabbs of South Carolina in the room of Morris Abram, resigned.

The Nominating Committee chose as the three new members of next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

cc: Board meeting File (11/9/55)

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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Report of Nominating Committee to Board of Directors in Meeting at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama on November 9, 1955.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Council, the Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8, 1955 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present at the meeting were Father Maurice V. Shean (served as chairman); Mr. Benjamin E. Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Mr. George Mitchell served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee having been apprised of vacancies on the board; list of officers; and other committees due to resignations and graduation agreed on the following nominations:

(* Indicates nominations for re-election)

Members of the Board

Alabama

* Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. Wm Kaufman, Mobile declined 12/13/55
Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute accepted 11/14/55

Arkansas

* Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock
Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock

Florida

* Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach

Georgia

* Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
* Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
* Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta
Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta — declined 12/15/55
Mr. Leonard Hass, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville

Louisiana

* Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans
Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans — declined 12/13/55

Mississippi

* The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Brunini, Jackson

North Carolina

* Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
* The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte accepted 12/12/55

Oklahoma

Mr. James Stewart — accepted 3/6/56

South Carolina

* The Very Rev. M. V. Shean, Rock Hill
Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville

Tennessee

* Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
* Dr. Chas. S. Johnson, Nashville
* Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas

* Mrs. J. M. Rayzor, Houston
* Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston

Virginia

Mr. Frank Price, Lexington - declined 12/13/55

Alternates for Board (All New)

Alabama

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham
Mr. York Wilburn, Tuscaloosa

Arkansas

Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs - accepted

Kentucky

Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Louisiana

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard

Mississippi

Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson

North Carolina

Mr. Julian Price, Greensboro
Dr. Raymond Wheeler

South Carolina

Mr. W. E. Solomon, Columbia
Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington

Officers (* Indicates nominations for re-election)

* President	-------	Marion A. Wright
Vice-President	-------	Paul D. Williams
* Vice-President	-------	Gordon B. Hancock
* Vice-President	-------	Albert W. Dent
* Vice-President	-------	Carter Wesley
Counsel	-------	~~Vacancy, to be filled ad-interim by Executive Committee~~ Leonard Hass

Executive Committee (*Indicates nominations for re-elections)

Chairman	-------	* Rufus E. Clement
		J. M. Dabbs
		* ~~Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie~~ Resigned
		* Paul Christopher
		* John A. Griffin
		* Harry V. Richardson
		* Maurice V. Shean
		* Miss Josephine Wilkins
		E. A. McDowell — declined
		and above officers

Nominating Committee (All New)

I. H. Burney
Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

(Elected by Executive Committee in Meeting October 28-29,1955)

Carroll Brooke, Virginia
B. R. Brazeal, Georgia

11/9/55

FILE COPY

Atlanta, Georgia
November 18, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, the following statements have been prepared from the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc:

Exhibit A - Statement of Receipts - Central Office, October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955.

Exhibit B - Statement of Disbursements - Central Office, October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955.

The portion of the grant by the Fund for the Republic for the Central Office has been included with the receipts.

Respectfully,

/s/ L.E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts - Central Office
October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

	10/1-12/31/54	1/1-9/30/55	Total
Contributions:			
Individuals	$ 130.00	$ 2,838.00	$ 2,968.00
Organizations		3,975.00	3,975.00
Churches		3,695.00	3,695.00
Foundations		18,350.00	18,350.00
Dues	127.00	311.00	438.00
New South Subscriptions	278.00	3,210.50	3,488.50
Sale of Literature	1,011.91	2,204.76	3,216.67
Honoraria	312.89	1,521.38	1,834.27
Interest Income	33.33	787.58	820.91
State Divisions	45.00	31.00	76.00
Totals	$ 1,938.13	$ 36,924.22	$ 38,862.35
Fund for the Republic	12,450.00	37,350.00	49,800.00
	$ 14,388.13	$ 74,274.22	$ 88,662.35

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Disbursements - Central Office
October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

	10/1-12/31/54	1/1-9/30/55	Total
Salaries Paid	$ 12,114.63	$ 40,484.86	$ 52,599.49
Rent	340.00	980.00	1,320.00
Travel	2,037.83	5,695.40	7,733.23
Telephone & Telegraph	472.13	1,529.87	2,002.00
Postage	262.83	1,262.80	1,525.63
Social Security Taxes	154.71	586.59	741.30
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88	1,211.50	2,685.38
State Divisions	55.50	116.00	171.50
Office Equipment	178.00	528.70	706.70
Office Alterations	548.24		548.24
Office Supplies	555.88	1,231.34	1,787.22
Consultants Fees	482.10	1,049.50	1,531.60
Accounting & Legal	50.00	410.00	460.00
Printing	5,481.15	6,891.77	12,372.92
Bank Charges	.45	2.15	2.60
Georgia Sales Tax	8.26	15.13	23.39
1954 Accounts Payable		502.47	502.47
Books & Magazines	113.48	634.05	747.53
Special Services		480.47	480.47
Miscellaneous	25.06	131.05	156.11
	$ 24,354.13	$ 63,743.65	$ 88,097.78

EXHIBIT B

Exec Com. Mtg
4/20-21/56

MEMORANDUM

December 14, 1955

FROM: HCF HCF

TO: GSM

Re: Future of SRC

FILE COPY

I think it would be useful for the Executive Committee to consider the main alternatives confronting the SRC after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic's grant. One formulation might be:

(1) Liquidation

(2) Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of direct field servicing of state organizations.

(3) Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of information -- i.e., publications, information center for press, other agencies, and state affiliates.

(4) Continuation at present level of operation, retaining all functions.

(5) Continuation with expanded functions.

Need

It seems to me unquestionable that the SRC on something like its present scale will be needed for a minimum of three years beyond the anticipated end of Fund help. We will be lucky if by October 1957 most of the state groups are able to continue effectively on their own. It would be over-optimistic to hope that they would be strong enough collectively to maintain a regional office. It would also be over-optimistic, in my opinion,

to hope that they could continue effectively without a regional office. Those in the lower South particularly will still need not only the practical help of the regional office, but also the psychological support of feeling themselves a part of a Southwide movement. Left on their own, communication between the states would soon break down and the weaker and more embattled organizations would wither away. The stronger groups -- mostly those in the more advanced states -- might well survive; but the most difficult areas would be left unserviced.

Another point: There is plenty of evidence that the other side is consolidating its strength across state lines. Witness the interstate spread of the White Citizens Councils, the efficient communication between the various Southern hate groups, Senator Eastland's proposal for a regional commission to "tell the South's story." These people see well enough the strength that comes of regionwide coordination and they will be pushing hard for it in the next few years. This kind of solidarity among the pro-segregation forces can't be effectively countered on a state-by-state basis. It calls for a regional instrument -- namely, SRC.

Noteworthy, too, that one aim of Eastland's proposal is to propagandize the Jim Crow version of the "South's story" at the national level. Again, only a regional group can offset this kind of propaganda aimed at a national audience.

Realities

It's easy to promote the continuing need for SRC in vacuo. Clearly, however, there are practical obstacles -- notably financial. In addition to the current fund-raising effort, the executive committee might begin planning

some activities for the last grant year that would spread awareness of the need for a continuing SRC. Examples:

(1) One or more conferences of leading people in the state organizations to explore the question of whether and how SRC is to continue.

(2) A carefully staged meeting of New York philanthropoids (The New Yorker's word for foundation people.)

(3) Consultation with friendly agencies, church groups, labor people, etc., aimed at involving them in the problem.

Nothing new about these ideas, but given the critical stage of Southern transition and an impending demise of SRC, they might produce some results. A lot of these people, who now take SRC for granted as a Fund project, might be startled into some kind of fruitful concern. While we wouldn't want to make such approaches too early, planning should proceed during the next year.

Conclusion

At the moment, it is my conviction that SRC should either be continued on at least its present scale or be frankly liquidated. I don't think we can go back. To limp along on a much-curtailed basis would, I think, be self-defeating in terms of both morale and financial support. Moreover, I believe efforts to continue the SRC should be based on the overt recognition that it will probably have to be largely subsidized for the duration of its life by sizable grants from outside the South. We can realistically hope for indigenously supported state groups within the next three to five years. But I doubt that it is realistic to hope for an indigenously supported regional organization too.

LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF WITH SALARY RATE AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

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Executive Director - $10,000. per year

Assistant Director for Information and Research - $7,000. per year

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine, New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council. This official has direction and control of the Managing Editor and the Research Assistant.

Assistant Director for State Organization (2 persons) - $7,000. per year

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy. To originate programs of activities suitable for each state and to attempt to secure adoption and execution of such programs.

Assistant Director for Program -

Using an extensive knowledge of community programs and Southern movements, under the supervision of the Executive Director and with the cooperation of the Assistant Director for State Organizations and assistance from other staff members, to coordinate the training of state staff personnel and their boards and program committee members in program design, development and execution. To recruit highly skilled professional persons to serve as consultants in such training programs. To develop standardized criteria for evaluating effectiveness of state programs. To use such criteria in evaluating program in the states. In cooperation with the rest of the professional staff, under the supervision of the Executive Director, to originate and develop suitable program activities for the central office.

In Charge of Women's Work - $5,000. per year

To administer, in conformity with the broad policy of the Southern Regional Council, a program relating activities of individual Church women and of Church groups to the concerns of the Southern Regional Council. The program with the Church women and with other Church bodies is to have a high degree of autonomy as befits a relationship with Church connected bodies.

To travel widely to gatherings of Church people; to be in frequent contact personally and by correspondence with organizational leaders in the various denominational groups; to prepare releases and special publications for use by these bodies; and to assist with advice and information to various Church programs akin to the purposes of the Southern Regional Council. In addition, and specifically, to assist the Fellowship of the Concerned or any similar special organization of its kind.

To promote state or regional meetings of women, whether church connected or not, with a view of enlisting their aid in support of the Council's activities.

Secretary-Treasurer - $4,000. per year

Central Office - The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for all bookkeeping records including receipts, disbursements, payroll and tax records with filing of tax forms and payment of taxes; for all banking of Council's money; for purchases of office supplies and equipment and for payment of all the Council's obligations including checking of invoices and preparation of checks. With the help of auditor makes finance reports to Fund for the Republic and to SRC Executive Committee.

She also keeps permanent records of the Council, including records of Board membership, minutes of meeting and all matters pertaining to SRC members and associates. She is also responsible for New South circulation and for filling orders and keeping records on sale of literature. She is responsible for office management, supervision of clerical assistants and for providing clerical and stenographic held needed by the professional staff including employment of such people as may be needed, subject to approval by the Executive Director.

Under the state organizations' set up she will be responsible for payrolls for these employees, for working with them on their budgets for office and travel needs, and for obtaining and reporting on their monthly finance reports to the Council as well as their New South circulation.

At the present time the Secretary-Treasurer has the help of one clerical assistant.

Administrative Assistant - $6,000. per year

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director shall establish and supervise accounting procedures; handle all insurance matters, including guarding against lapses or under-insurance; prepare fiscal analysis and reports needed by staff or committees or the Board; prepare and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Committee proposed budgets, and reports showing fiscal operations and status pursuant to budgets as finally adopted; and upon request advise and consult with the state organizations on purchasing, fiscal, budgetary, and accounting matters.

The Administrative Assistant shall perform his duties under the direction of the Executive Director.

Managing Editor of New South - $5,000.

Assist the Assistant Director for Information and Research in the information program with special reference to preparation of New South; also the preparation of other publications of the Council, contact with the press, interviewing of journalists and other visitors interested in the work of the Council and working with directors of state affiliates of the Council on their information program.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

Research Assistant - $4,000. per year

To perform such fact-finding and research as may be required. To assemble, classify, and maintain reference files drawn from newspaper reports, periodicals, Census publications, and other reference materials. To handle mail requests for information. To conduct occasional mail surveys of race relations practices in such fields as municipal employment, professional associations, public libraries, and recreation facilities. To provode technical assistance to community self-surveys. To write occasional articles for New South.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

1/10/56

Copy: John Griffin
1252 Uppergate Drive, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

FILE COPY

January 31, 1956

Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I went to see Leonard Haas Friday, January 27. Told him that it was on your conscience to secure a successor to him as Counsel.

With some shyness he reminded me that in his original letter he had unobtrusively said he had a possible candidate to succeed him. I had certainly clean forgotten it. Candidate is a quite remote cousin of his. Name - Joseph Haas. Age - 44. Lives in Atlanta. Member of Haas, Holland and Blackshear. The man Holland was Assistant Attorney-General to Herman Talmadge. Haas went to Georgia Tech, University of Michigan, and Harvard Law. Phi Beta Kappa, Major in Ordnance Department in World War II. Leonard has sounded out his remote cousin Joseph as to Joseph's taking over Leonard's responsibilities (on Leonard's terms, of course. i.e., never a fee!) And the good man, Joseph Haas, was willing so to serve.

I will make an inquiry or two hereabouts, but I hasten to put the matter before you. Will be glad to obtain any further information you may wish.

And for convenience sake I send a copy of this to John Griffin.

Leonard felt some delicacy about proposing as a successor "another member of another minority group." But I think it's a star in our crown and a help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director.

GSM:mef

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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C. H. PARRISH, STATE ORGANIZATIONS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK
KATHERINE STONEY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Rec'd 3/5/56

Southern Re[redacted]
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AV[redacted]

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Board
gen corresp.

March 2, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Many thanks for your kindness in arranging transportation for me as revealed in your letter of February 29th.

The letters to members of the Executive Committee also came in. I signed and mailed them today.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

P.S. Please hand enclosed clippings to Mr. Fleming.

Same letter sent to: Paul Christopher ✓ yes
Rufus E. Clement ✓ yes
Albert W. Dent
John A. Griffin
J. M. Dabbs ✓ yes
Harry V. Richardson ✓ yes
Gordon B. Hancock ✓ yes
Rev. M. V. Shean ✓ yes
Carter Wesley ✓ yes
Miss Josephine ~~Wilkins~~ Wilkins
Mr. Marion A. Wright
Paul D. Williams

March 21, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright ✓ yes
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on April 20-21, 1956 at Atlanta University.

The first session begins on Friday afternoon (April 20) at 2:00 P.M. There will also be an evening session on Friday which will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will conclude with a session on Saturday morning (April 21) beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending about 12:30 P.N. All sessions will be held in the conference room in the Atlanta University Administration Building, 223 Chestnut Street, S.W.

We earnestly hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. As usual the Council will assume expenses of members.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you plan to attend this meeting. Also indicate your lodging requirements, if any. We will need to make arrangements with our host as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

SAME LETTER SENT TO:
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
J. M. Dabbs
Harry V. Richardson
Gordon B. Hancock
Rev. M.V.Shean
Carter Wesley
Miss Josephine Wilkins

April 12, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are happy to know that you plan to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on April 20-21, 1956 at Atlanta University.

As you know the first session will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Friday afternoon (April 20). The first item on the agenda will be a discussion of the post-1957 program of SRC. We urge you to be present for this important discussion.

All sessions will be held in the conference room of the Atlanta University Administration Building located at 223 - Chestnut Street, Southwest. Housing accomodations can be obtained at the dormitories located at 40 Chestnut Street, Southwest.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 13, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments comprise our report:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Financial Condition, March 31, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Operating Fund
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
SCHEDULE 3- Schedule of Contributions

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $14,378.09
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $37,104.52

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31, 1956, were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories. The Special Projects account includes $20,182.70 belonging to the Fact-Finding Program.

State Organizations' Savings - $89,409.60

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations, which are invested in U. S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,817.30

This also represents funds invested in U. S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2,352.20

This represents unpaid withholding taxes and old-age benefit taxes for both the Central Office and State Organizations for March, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $1,000.00

This represents funds received from the Fund for the Republic for printing and distributing a pamphlet in cooperation with the Southern Historical Society.

Due to Special Projects - $754.18

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D reflects the receipts and disbursements for the Fellowship of the Concerned fund.

Advance Appropriations - $125,000.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers the next six months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers the next nine months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central Office of $19,822.08, and disbursements of $23,852.96, or an excess of disbursements over receipts of $4,030.88.

It should be noted that the $50,000.00 shown under receipts for State Organizations is for a special purpose - Fact-Finding Program. The allocation of the appropriation from the Fund for the Republic for the three months is $28,125.00, which is not shown on Exhibit C, since it was received in 1955. The expenses for the period were $36,868.83, thus reflecting an excess of expenses over income of $8,743.83.

In our opinion the attached Statement of Financial Condition and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at March 31, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-months period then ended.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Bank - Central Office (Sch.1)	$ 14,378.09	
Cash in Bank - Special Projects (Sch.2)	37,104.52	
State Organizations' Savings	89,409.60	
Accounts Receivable - Literature	80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings	29,817.30	
Total Assets		$ 172,019.51

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,352.20	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.17	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	413.11		
Southern Historical Society	1,000.00	1,754.18	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	75,000.00		
Fact-Finding Program	50,000.00	125,000.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 129,109.55
Surplus, March 31, 1956			42,909.96
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 172,019.51

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (see Schedule 3)	$ 16,709.00		
Members Dues	205.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,402.50		
Sale of Literature	194.48		
Accounts Receivable - Literature	4.00		
Fund for the Republic (see Comments)	1,000.00		
Honoraria	107.10		
Commission on Race and Housing	200.00	$ 19,822.08	
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1956		18,408.97	
Total Receipts			$ 38,231.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	14,368.55	
Travel	1,926.21	
Printing - other than New South	129.63	
Rent	420.00	
Printing and Postage - New South	1,598.51	
Telephone and Telegraph	516.10	
Postage	301.51	
Consultant Fees	455.00	
Special Services	32.50	
Accounting Services	120.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	164.74	
Books and Subscriptions	154.22	
Accounts Payable - 1955	1,793.02	
Georgia Sales Tax	3.01	
Office Supplies	277.26	
Office Equipment	397.58	
Commission on Race and Housing	25.50	
Miscellaneous	2.85	
Social Security Taxes	199.68	
Withholding Taxes - 1955	754.10	
Fact-Finding Program	212.99	
Total Disbursements		23,852.96
Balance, March 31, 1956		$ 14,378.09

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Fund for the Republic - Fact-Finding Program	$ 50,000.00	
Interest Income	590.40	$ 50,590.40
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1956		52,446.07
Total Receipts		$103,036.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 28,271.62	
Consultant Fees	1,016.05	
Travel	46.52	
Local Expenses	500.00	
Miscellaneous	53.25	
Consultants' Training Program	2,553.65	
Irene Osborne	708.98	
John Hope II	2,211.26	
Withholding Taxes - 1955	1,133.96	
Social Security Taxes	373.54	
Total Disbursements		36,868.83
		$ 66,167.64

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 36,350.34
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,817.30
	$ 66,167.64

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1956		$ 807.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	$ 10.00	
Travel	384.13	394.13
Balance, March 31, 1956		$ 413.11

EXHIBIT D

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank

Atlanta, Georgia

March 31, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 16,085.37
Less: Outstanding Checks:		
Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	
7570	16.00	
7571	5.00	
7573	38.12	
7576	78.29	
7577	354.54	
7578	247.73	
7579	237.73	
7580	185.67	
7581	204.10	
7585	104.80	
7588	29.78	
7589	23.03	
7590	40.00	
7591	134.70	1,707.28
Balance per Books, March 31, 1956		$ 14,378.09

SCHEDULE 1

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia
March 31, 1956

Balance per Bank $ 43,384.68
Less: Outstanding Checks:

Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
1962	$ 7.20	2760	$ 187.26	
2697	177.26	2761	44.80	
2710	20.00	2762	182.26	
2720	344.53	2763	84.80	
2726	595.00	2764	172.26	
2727	98.21	2765	88.19	
2730	35.00	2766	98.19	
2732	70.00	2767	73.95	
2733	70.00	2768	187.26	
2739	150.71	2769	182.26	
2740	54.51	2770	93.19	
2741	55.26	2771	177.26	
2742	48.76	2772	182.26	
2743	54.51	2773	83.19	
2744	10.28	2774	88.19	
2745	3.00	2775	172.26	
2748	182.26	2776	102.09	
2749	84.80	2777	187.26	
2750	182.26	2778	83.19	
2751	197.26	2779	44.00	
2752	82.79	2780	49.00	
2753	192.26	2781	139.22	
2754	177.26	2782	5.53	
2755	88.19	2783	45.55	
2756	182.26	2784	100.00	
2757	100.17	2785	20.00	
		2786	143.00	$ 6,280.16

Balance per Books, March 31, 1956 $ 37,104.52

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

January 1 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS

INDIVIDUALS		$ 909.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Steelworkers of America	$ 1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union	500.00	
Community Workshop Association	100.00	1,600.00
CHURCHES:		
National Council of Protestant Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church	250.00	
The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church	250.00	1,800.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00	
The Marshall Field Foundation	5,000.00	
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	12,400.00
Total Contributions, March 31, 1956		$16,709.00

SCHEDULE 3

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenses as of March 31, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/31/56	Percent of Budget realized
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, Churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 6,240.00	44.5
Dues	500.00	231.00	46.2
New South subscriptions	6,000.00	3,068.50	51.1
Sale of literature	3,000.00	567.44	18.8
Honoraria	1,000.00	307.68	30.7
Interest income	800.00	813.90	101.7
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	$ 50,828.52	78.3 %
*Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180.00	14,150.00	59.9
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 64,978.52	69.8 %

EXPENSES:	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/31/56	Percent of Budget Expended
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	$ 31,242.59	50.5
Social Security Tax	800.00	266.00	33.2
Travel	7,500.00	4,501.96	60.0
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	3,444.90	52.9
Printing other	2,000.00	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680.00	840.00	50.0
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	1,409.01	56.3
Postage	2,000.00	573.92	28.6
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	229.09	76.3
Accounting fees	500.00	305.00	61.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	349.31	116.4
Office Supplies	2,900.00	1,105.98	38.1
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com. Mtgs	2,000.00	1,263.80	63.1
Special Mtgs in connection with Women's Work	2,500.00	586.89	23.4
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 46,301.98	49.7

*Includes $5,000.00 from unallocated State Funds.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$ 93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$ 24,129.00	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry-over from Duke and Field Funds (1954-55)	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$ 68,629.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 4/18/56	$ 12,300.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$ 80,929.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$ 12,151.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small foundations	300.00
Labor organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	100.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	1,100.00
Board Members	806.00
Individual Contributions	959.00
Associate Members	231.00
New South subscriptions	3,069.00
Honoraria	308.00
Interest	814.00
Sale of literature	567.00
TOTAL	$ 24,129.00

**Amount expectable:	
Churches	900.00
New South	3,000.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of literature	500.00
Small foundations	700.00
Labor organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$12,300.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

April 18, 1956

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LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF WITH PRESENT SALARY RATE AND SCHEDULE OF DUTIES

PROFESSIONAL STAFF - FULL TIME

	SALARY RATE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - George S. Mitchell	$ 10,000.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND RESEARCH - Harold C. Fleming (See attached sheet for duties)	7,000.00 per year
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Frederick B. Routh (See attached sheet for duties)	7,000.00 per year
IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK - Mrs. M. E. Tilly (See attached sheet for duties)	5,250.00 per year
SECRETARY-TREASURER - Ruth House Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - G. S. Alexander (See attached sheet for duties)	6,000.00 per year
MANAGING EDITOR OF NEW SOUTH - John Constable, Jr. (See attached sheet for duties)	5,000.00 per year
RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Florence B. Irving (See attached sheet for duties)	4,000.00 per year

PART-TIME

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - C. H. Parrish (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day

TEMPORARY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM - John Hope II (See attached sheet for duties)	35.00 per day
CONSULTANT--INFORMATION AND RESEARCH (Special Fact-Finding Project) - Mrs. Margaret Price	27.00 per day

4/18/56

CLERICAL STAFF-FULL-TIME

	SALARY RATE
SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley Handles all correspondence and arrangements for the Executive Director, handles all correspondence files and does some steno work for other members of the professional staff.	$ 3,100.00 per year
SECRETARY TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF -- Mary Elizabeth Friedman Handles correspondence and arrangements for Assistant Directors and person in Charge of Women's Work.	3,000.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Mrs. Ruby Hamilton Handles correspondence for Administrative Assistant and Secretary-Treasurer. Handles present details regarding Council membership, New South circulation and sale of literature. Does other mimeographing and typing. Serves as receptionist.	2,700.00 per year
CLERICAL ASSISTANT -- Yvonne Southall Performs general clerical work for the Research Assistant which includes typing of correspondence and reports; assist in obtaining of clippings from periodicals and newspapers; filing and classification of clippings; filing of pamphlet materials; and servicing some of the requests for information.	2,700.00 per year

FILE COPY

April 19, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

This is in reply to your letter of April 5th.

As to the decision of the Supreme Court re anti-subversive statutes, the Attorney General of Georgia has announced publicly that he considers that the Supreme Court ruling invalidated the anti-subversive statute.

Yes indeed we will take up, in the April Executive Committee meeting, the selection of Counsel to replace Leonard.

I wrote you some days ago about the business of Mr. Eisenhower, and hope that that will come before the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . HAROLD C. FLEMING . . .

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① Atty. Gen. Cook has already given it as his opinion that the Sup Ct ruling upsets the Ga. Subversive law.

② Good idea.

③ I have no ~~idea~~ objection to the idea of a statement as such, but I doubt that we should plug statements made in political contexts, even though they sent our book. Perhaps we should discuss this.

H.

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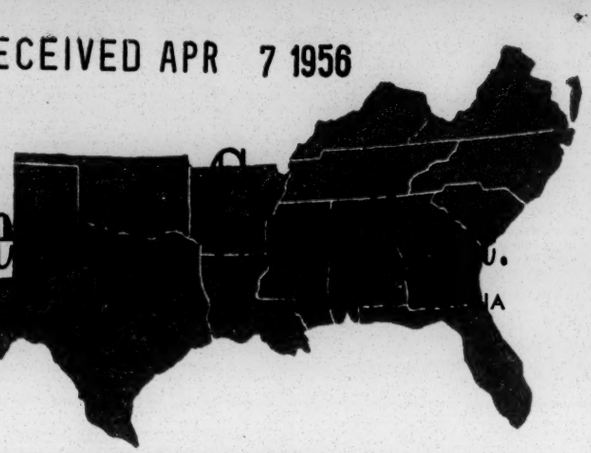

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

April 5, 1956

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

Of course, the decision of the Supreme Court declaring the anti-subversive statutes of many states to be unconstitutional is good news. I have not read the decision and do not know to what extent, if any, it may apply to the Georgia statute.

(1) Would it be a good idea to send Mr. Joseph Haas a copy of the decision and a copy of the Georgia statute with the request that he consider both and give us his views as to whether or not the decision upsets the statute? It may be that the opinion is not presently needed, but we might act with a little more assurance if we are informed as to the validity or invalidity of the statute. You may, for example, receive questionnaires or other demands for information. You might deal with these more intelligently if you had a legal opinion before you.

(2) By the way, would it not be well to put on the agenda of the coming Atlanta meeting an item with relation to acting upon the resignation of Leonard Haas and substitution of Joseph? I am not sure what the province of the Executive Committee may be in the premises but we

should apparently take such action as is within our competence.

(3) Another matter: Eisenhower at news conferences and Stevenson and Kefauver in speeches or statements within recent weeks have championed the idea of voluntary bi-racial action on the local level. Would it be well to get these quotations together and print them in an early issue of New South? It may or may not be wise to follow the quotations with a suggestive note that the procedure endorsed by these three statesmen is exactly the procedure employed by SRC.

I would even be in favor of having Harold prepare a proposed statement to be issued by the Executive Committee at its next meeting in which these quotations are used and the obvious moral used. We shy away from statements but I think that there is something to be said for issuing them when they serve to explain our function and the august support for that function.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. W.

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

CHARLES B. DEANE
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTIES:

ANSON
DAVIDSON
DAVIE
HOKE
LEE
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MOORE
RICHMOND
SCOTLAND
UNION
WILKES
YADKIN

Re Tuesday

MEMBER:
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS:
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
AIR FORCE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RELATED AGENCIES
CHAIRMAN:
OBJECTOR'S COMMITTEE
CONSENT CALENDAR

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 23, 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your letter has given me renewed strength to face the days ahead. I do most sincerely thank you. My decision was not an easy one. Yet it is my sincere conviction that we in North Carolina and in the South will rise to a level of faith that will be an answer to the fear in the hearts of some today.

At the present time I do not see the whole solution; yet I am convinced we will find the answer if we do not allow ourselves to be used by opposing forces arrayed one against the other, fanning hatred and bitterness to the point of serious division.

I want to give everything I have to keep our people from any action that will create bitterness, harm our State, our schools and divide our South. A divided South means a weak nation, economically, politically, militarily and ideologically. Today the Communists have been able to take over one-third of the people of the world by the process of dividing group from group. Ninety-four percent of the people of the world live outside the United States. Since we Americans represent such a small minority of the world, you realize how necessary it is to seek together for a basis of unity.

In the past I have at times straddled the fence and made promises I knew I could not carry out. I am sorry. Now I do not want to hold out false hopes to our people by signing declarations or manifestos which have no assurance of fulfillment. We must work for moderation, patience and tolerance with the firm belief that God will guide us to the right answer.

Your letter indicates you feel as I do. The task ahead of us is great. I cannot do the job alone. I earnestly seek your help and counsel.

I had an opponent to file against me on the last day for filing. If you have any friends in my District to whom you would feel free to write, I shall be most grateful. A list of the counties and post offices in my District is attached.

My personal good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

C B Deane

Charles B. Deane

Counties	Post Offices
Anson	Ansonville, Lilesville, McFarlan, Morven, Peachland, Polkton, Wadesboro
Davidson	Denton, Jackson Hill, Lexington, Linwood, Southmont, Thomasville, Wallburg, Welcome
Davie	Advance, Cooleemee, Mocksville
Hoke	McCain, Raeford
Lee	Broadway, Colon, Cumnock, Lemon Springs, Sanford
Montgomery	Biscoe, Candor, Ether, Mount Gilead, Star, Troy Wadeville
Moore	Aberdeen, Addor, Cameron, Carthage, Eagle Springs, Glendon, Parkwood, Highfalls, Jackson Springs, Lakeview, Manly, Niagara, Pinebluff, Pinehurst, Robbins, Southern Pines, Vass, West End
Richmond	Ellerbe, Hamlet, Hoffman, Marston, Norman, Rockingham
Scotland	Gibson, Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, Wagram
Union	Indian Trail, Marshville, Mineral Springs, Monroe, Waxhaw, Wingate
Wilkes	Boomer, Ferguson, Hays, McGrady, Millers Creek, Moravian Falls, North Wilkesboro, Purlear, Roaring River, Ronda, Thurmond, Traphill, Vannoy, Wilbar, Wilkesboro
Yadkin	Boonville, Cycle, East Bend, Hamptonville, Jonesville, Yadkinville

HAROLD D. COOLEY
4TH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

CHAIRMAN:
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Return
M. A. W.

HOME ADDRESS:
NASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Congress of the United States

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 21, 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you very much for your letter of March fourteenth which was addressed jointly to me and my esteemed colleagues from North Carolina, Thurmond Chatham and Charlie Deane, with reference to our failure to sign the so-called "Manifesto".

The brief statement which I made concerning this matter does not go into great detail, nor does it give all of the many reasons which prompted me not to sign the document. It is my sincere hope that our people will try to find appropriate solutions for all of the distressing and disturbing problems which were suddenly presented when the Supreme Court rendered its decision. I believe, however, that with reason rather than rancor we must seek to find these solutions.

The Manifesto holds out only the false hope that the signers, all of whom are members of Congress, will find a remedy which will enable them to reverse the unanimous decision of the highest court of our country. I believe that the document will hinder rather than help and will aggravate the distressing situation in which our people find themselves.

After all, it does not take much courage for one to follow the true impulses of his own convictions. I feel that I must at all times be the keeper of my own conscience. I was not willing to delegate to others my right to do my own thinking on a matter of such grave importance. Actually, House members were not accorded the courtesy of even an invitation to attend any one of the many conferences held by the Senators. I understand that the authors of the document did not intend to present it for the signatures of members of the House. The so-called Manifesto is far-reaching in its implications and is well calculated to provoke reprisals. I hope that those who

feel that I should have joined with my colleagues in signing the document will give me credit not for courage but rather for standing by my honest convictions.

I am grateful to you for your letter and for taking the time to write to me advising me of your views. It is comforting and most satisfying to know that you understand the purposes which prompted me in refusing to sign this very controversial document.

With cordial good wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold D. Cooley

HDC:kdm

THURMOND CHATHAM
5TH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

COMMITTEE:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Return.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

20 March 1956

Mr. M. A. Wright
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I certainly appreciate your letter because I realize I made a decision that will be unpopular in some quarters.

I did not like the Supreme Court decision because I did not think we were ready for it. I have said repeatedly that if they would give us time, it could be worked out if fairness and commonsense prevail on both sides. However, I consider the Supreme Court the final law of our land; and if we lead the people of this country to lose their respect for the courts and its decisions with the resultant breakdown in law and order, we can go as far as revolution--and I will be no party to this.

I have tried to use my best sense and conscience, and I shall continue to work for some solution that in the end will be satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

Thurmond Chatham

TC:m

FILE COPY

April 19, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I believe Harold Fleming handled with you the matter of the New York broadcast.

Mrs. Tilly is working up a paper for the meeting of the Executive Committee. I will be glad to see her views on paper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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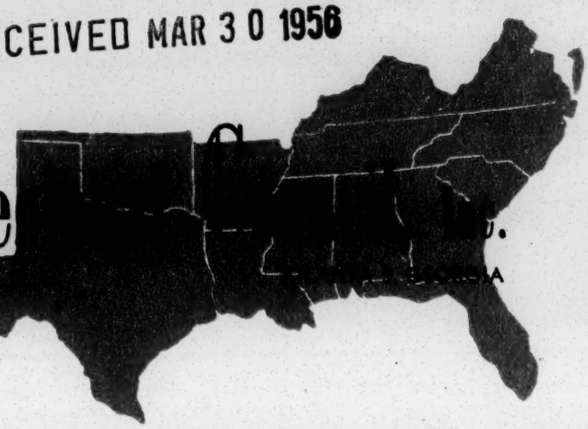

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

3/29/56.

Dear George:

The enclosed letter is all I know about the radio program.

Harold and I had a long and pleasant conversation with the bearings in New York. They made the point that we should use radio and TV more frequently to get SRC better known. We agreed but pointed out that the initiative should come from the media in the form of invitations - that we were hardly in position to invite ourselves. The letter from WMCA is obviously the result of the conversation.

Best regards.

M. A. W.

P.S. What do you think of now asking Mrs. Tilly at the next Ex. Com. meeting to present a paper on The Role of Women in De-Segregation, with emphasis on what S.R.C. may do to corral the strength of women? This naturally follows Harold's & Fred's excellent papers at our last meeting.

M.

1657 Broadway · New York 19, NY Circle 6-2200

March
16th
1956

Mrs. Marion Wright
President, Southern Regional Council
Lynnville Falls, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Wright:

Judge and Mrs. Waring have recommended you as the best possible speaker for a radio debate on the question of integration. As you will see from the enclosed letter, I have invited Senator Thurmond to defend the cause of segregation. I've been working all week in an attempt to set up such a debate. I talked by long distance with Mr. Thomas Waring who prefers not to debate the issue and who has more engagements than he can keep now. Mr. James J. Kilpatrick, editor of the Richmond News, was also very friendly but felt that he had to decline since he is busy writing a book on interposition. I don't know that I can get Senator Thurmond, but Judge Waring has urged me to try. In any event, he should be willing to send a spokesman.

Judge Waring tells me that since your Regional Council has some Ford funds, he feels certain you would be willing and able to make the trip. I don't have to tell you how grateful WMCA and I would be.

Since I'm not yet certain of having an opposition speaker, I can't at the moment give you a definite date; but I wanted you to know what I am attempting to do. I should appreciate a brief reply and would you tell me too, please, whether your telephone has as yet been installed?

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Dunbar Bromley
Conductor,
"Report to the People"
Mondays, 9:30 - 10 P.M.

DDB:as

P.S. Mrs. Waring has been good enough to send me a copy of the splendid speech which you made to the Church Women of South Carolina on March 6. May I congratulate you on your deeply thoughtful and effective presentation.

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WMCA inc. 1657 Broadway • New York 19, N. Y.

March
16th
1956

COPY

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
Senate Office Building
The Capitol
Washington, D. C.

FILE COPY

My dear Senator Thurmond:

Many thoughtful New Yorkers would like to hear a Southern leader present the case for segregation and give his reasons for thinking that the Supreme Court went beyond its powers in its school decision. As you can imagine, the integrationist point of view gets wide circulation here.

So I very much hope that you can find the time to come to New York to take part in a half-hour discussion program, on an early date convenient to yourself. I propose a debate between two Southerners who hold opposite views. If you can come I had thought of inviting Mr. Marion Wright, attorney, formerly of South Carolina, now living in North Carolina, and president of the Southern Regional Council.

I appreciate how very busy you are, but hope that if Congress adjourns March 29, you may be able to make the trip. My weekly program is heard Monday evening, 9:30 - 10 P.M. April 2 and April 9 are open dates, but if you could not be here for a live show, we could tape-record it late in the previous week, at an hour mutually convenient.

My "Report to the People" is a controversial public service program now in its fourth year on the air. Last year it won a prize from the Ohio State University Institute for Education by Radio - Television. Without being too immodest, may I say that we have an intelligent and wide listening audience in the New York area, extending into southern New England and New Jersey. Before coming to WMCA in the fall of 1952 I was on the Herald Tribune and have also been a writer for national magazines. I feel sure that several of your Congressional colleagues who have appeared on "Report to the People", - Senator Case of New Jersey, Representative Multer, Representative Anfuso, and Representative Coudert, one of my standbys, will assure you of the program's serious import and impartiality.

If by any unhappy chance, you yourself are unable to come, I hope that you will provide a spokesman for your and your colleagues' point of view.

Since I must plan my programs well in advance, I should be more than grateful for an early reply, by phone or air mail.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Dunbar Bromley
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

SALARY SCALE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- $10,000 - $12,000

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS -- $7,000 - $9,000
($250 increments every year until top grade reached)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -- $6,000 - $8,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

SECRETARY-TREASURER -- $4,000 - $6,000
($200 increments every year until top grade reached)

STENOGRAPHERS -- $3,000 - $4,000
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

CLERICAL ASSISTANTS -- $2,700 - $3,200
($100 increments every year until top grade reached)

MANAGING EDITOR OF NEW SOUTH -- $5,000 -
(Upper limit not set by personnel committee. Recommend $5,000 - $6,500; $250 increments every year until top grade reached)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT -- $4,000 -
(Job not yet classified by personnel committee. Recommend $4,000 - $5,500; $150 increments every year until top grade reached)

IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK -- $5,000 -
(Upper limit not set by personnel committee. Recommend $5,000 - $6,500; $200 increments every year until top grade reached)

April 19, 1956

STATE ORGANIZATIONS' RECEIPTS FOR
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

October 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

ALABAMA	$ 1,248.91
ARKANSAS	742.23
FLORIDA	1,087.96
GEORGIA	2,123.72
KENTUCKY	678.83
LOUISIANA	1,315.00
MISSISSIPPI	665.60
NORTH CAROLINA	1,461.55
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,515.30
TENNESSEE	921.39
TEXAS	1,655.13
VIRGINIA	2,013.42

Note: Each state is committed to raise $3,500 to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from the Fund for the Republic.

April 20, 1956

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF INCOME RAISED ANEW THIS FISCAL YEAR
October 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals	$ 1,765.00	
Organizations	1,986.00	
Churches	2,100.00	
Foundations	13,400.00	
Total Contributions		$ 19,251.00
OTHER INCOME:		
SRC Dues (Associates)	$ 231.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	3,068.50	
Sale of Literature	567.44	
Honoraria	307.68	
Interest Income	890.40	
Total, Other Income		$ 5,065.02
TOTAL INCOME TO MARCH 31, 1956		$ 24,316.02

Total amount to be raised to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from FFR	$ 55,000.00
Less: Amount raised to March 31, 1956	24,316.02
Balance to be raised to September 30, 1956	$ 30,683.98

April 20, 1956

REPORT ON BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION APRIL 20-21, 1956

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As of this date the Council has 78 Board Members of which 12 are ex-officio members; 12 are State representatives; 5 are officers and 49 are regular elected members. Of the 49 regular elected members, 24 are in the class of 1957 and 25 are in the class of 1959.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee one member has resigned (Mr. Morton Weiss, Atlanta) and one person elected November, 1955, has accepted membership on the Board (Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini).

According to the by-laws of the Council our membership of 49 is one less than the maximum number of 50 members that the Council may have at any one time.

At present the Executive Committee has seven (7) members in addition to four (4) officers of the corporation. The by-laws state that the Executive Committee may have not more than nine (9) members in addition to the officers. Hence there are two vacancies that could be filled by the Committee in the interim between now and the time the Board meets.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia
April 20 - 21, 1956

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April 20

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P.M.

Invocation

Executive Session

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Discussion of Post-1957 Program of SRC

Reports —
- Executive Director
- Assistant Directors —
  - Information
  - State Organizations
  - Program

Secretary Treasurer

Review of Budget

Finance Committee

Board and Committee Membership - Resignations and Additions

Friday Evening, 7:30 P.M.

Limit Future Urban Meetings of Executive Committee meetings to one day?

Personnel Classifications

Possible White House Interest in SRC

Legal Fee arising from Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation

April 21

Saturday Morning, 9:30 A.M.

Report - Director of Women's Work

Other business — A State staff meeting?

Selection of Counsel to replace Leonard Hass

Executive Session

Harold,

You will remember that the matter of SRC's responsibility to state councils and their involvement in legal matters came up at the meeting the other day. Mr. Wright remembered the whole matter had been dealt with before. I've run down the minutes which dealt with this. You might want to see these. It would appear that this is not binding on SRC in light of the now existing relationship between SRC and the state groups.

MF

See p. 16 "Legal Aid to State Councils"

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

April 20-21, 1956

Minutes - Apr. 20-21

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., April 20th, in the Conference Room, Harkness Hall, Atlanta University, by Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman.

The following members were present:
Marion A. Wright, President
Rufus E. Clement, Chairman
Carter Wesley, Vice-President
J. M. Dabbs
Maurice V. Shean
Harry V. Richardson *

Staff members present were:
George Mitchell
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Frederick B. Routh
John Hope
G. S. Alexander
Elizabeth Brantley

Mr. A. R. Suritz of Rock Hill, South Carolina, was present as a visitor.

After Invocation by Mr. J. M. Dabbs the Minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, previously mailed to each member, were proposed for adoption. Mr. Wright asked that the language attributed to him on page 7 of those Minutes ("A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained.") be deleted. And the Minutes thus amended were approved. The Committee then went into a short Executive Session.

DISCUSSION OF POST-1957 PROGRAM OF SRC

In accordance with the order of business established for this meeting by the January, 1956 meeting, discussion on this subject took place at the opening of the April meeting. The Executive Director called particular attention to the material beginning on page 6 of the report previously mailed out as follows:

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* Present only at Saturday morning (April 21) session.

George Mitchell says we should plan for three further years, after the expiry of the help from the Fund for the Republic, which occurs in September, 1957. His plan contemplates three years of further modest aid to some of the states, and continuance on a reduced basis of the most essential services of a central office.

Argument on the states runs as follows: In 1957 we shall be aiding the states on a level of $8,500 for each state. Each will run to a total budget of over $15,000. After 1957 there will be some of the states which in all likelihood could not carry on in reasonable strength unless they had some extra help. SRC would be free of any commitment to help all the states alike, and could put help on the states that would need it most. How many? Say six. How much? Say an average of $6,000 each. Call it $35,000 of annual subsidy to state organizations, on a minimum basis; and $50,000 of annual subsidy on a reasonable basis.

On the central office, certain services would have to be saved. You should keep up an interchange through an organ like New South. You need a paymaster, by title a Secretary-Treasurer. You would have to have at least one man travelling out to the states a great deal; ideally a combination administration and program man. New South lives by having someone to collect information, that gets called a Director of Research. You would need two and probably three clerks. And you would need some sort of Director. In a budget, for minimum and for reasonable, it looks like this:

POSSIBLE BUDGET FOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Typical Year 1957 et seq

	Minimum	Reasonable
States		
For subsidy	35,000	50,000
Central Office		
Salaries		
Executive Director	8,000	10,000
Secretary	3,500	3,500
Secretary-Treasurer	4,000	5,000
Director of Information	7,000	7,500
Director of Research	7,500	5,000
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Field Man	7,000	7,500
	37,000	43,800

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Possible Budget - continued

Central Office	Minimum	Reasonable
Travel	5,000	8,000
Rent	1,200	1,500
Supplies	1,000	1,200
Telephone & Telegraph	1,200	1,500
Postage	800	1,000
Printing	10,000	10,000
Social Security	1,200	1,400
Miscellaneous	500	500
	57,700	68,900
Total, Central Office	58,000	69,000
Total, Central Office & State	93,000	119,000

In three years
Central Office and State

Minimum	279,000 - 280,000
Reasonable	357,000 - 360,000

How do you get together such sums?

By all experience, there is something that the staff can raise by friendships of the past. I would estimate this as follows:

(1958-60)
Per Year

From Churches	10,000
From Labor	10,000
Subscriptions to N.S.	15,000
Individual Gifts	1,000
Sale of Literature	1,000
Honoraria	1,000
Total	38,000

Annually, on the minimum budget of $93,000, this leaves $55,000 to be raised by a finance committee.

On the reasonable budget, it leaves $81,000 to be raised annually by a finance committee.

If you go on a three year basis:

Minimum budget:

Needed - 3 years	$280,000
Staff to raise	114,000
Balance, finance committee	166,000

Reasonable budget:

Needed - 3 years	$357,000
Staff to raise	114,000
Balance, finance committee	243,000

All of which is to say that three more years would cost on a minimum basis, say $165,000 more than is in sight; and on a reasonable basis, $240,000 more than is in sight.

The Executive Director stated that, as always, he had been squeamish about planning for the perpetuation of the Southern Regional Council but that the effort suggested was geared into a three-year period following 1957. For such an extension of the work of the agency, a finance committee would have to put together between $160,000 and $240,000. The proposal was based on the supposition that about half of the present state organizations will need some financial assistance after 1957. And that the existing arrangement of flat equality in subsidy to each state would give way to aid proportioned to individual state needs.

Mr. Wright said that in his view the Council ought to try to survive as a central organization for some years further, and that if it did not the situation in the South might be pretty hopeless.

Mr. Wesley suggested that we plan for a longer period than three years and set our sights on money-raising for the three years.

Mr. Wright asked if any approach had been made to the Fund for the Republic as to their attitude toward such a proposal.

The Executive Director stated that the Fund for the Republic had been particularly firm in their original negotiations that they will not assist the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the first three and one-half year period.

Mr. Clement thought that we might wisely ask the Fund for the Republic fairly soon to review the situation and consider making an additional grant.

The Executive Director stated that there was much history and commitment that the FFR expected SRC to find continuation money within the South.

Discussion turned to the role of SRC in the next several years in the South. The Louisiana suit brought against the NAACP had raised the question of whether SRC would have put upon it a role of substitution for the work of the NAACP. The Executive Director gave it as his view that the temporary eclipse of the NAACP in Louisiana would not stick in law.

Mr. Wesley said that in any case things could be speeded up by the educational work of SRC.

Mr. Mitchell said that in the last five years the received definition of the South had lessened by one state -- Oklahoma -- and that in a year or two Kentucky and maybe one or two others would take themselves out of the "Southern" picture.

Mr. Wesley said that increasingly the need for the type of legal work that the NAACP does will be diminished, but the type of work we do will be more needed as time goes on.

After some discussion of possible sources of funds within the South and from various foundations, it was agreed that the staff should early prepare a request for additional foundation funds with which to continue for a three-year period after the expiration of the present FFR grant.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director listed nine fields in which the Council is active. (1) We organize state and local people; (2) we teach them to do the best practicable job through what John Hope does; (3) we have been making Irene Osborne's specialized knowledge available over the South; (4) we do a considerable educational job in our own speechmaking appearances; (5) Mrs. Tilly stays in touch with the churches; (6) when needed we have the respectful attention of the press; (7) we dig up the facts; (8) we counsel a lot of people; and (9) we inform through New South.

He said that the people who do these things were available to the Committee for reports of their own, and in turn they duly reported.

Kentucky and Tennessee reorganizations.

But before these reports, the Executive Director stated that he had lately made a considerable departure from the initial offering to each state set forth in Memo #1 dated April 10, 1954. In Kentucky and in Tennessee an offer had been made of an altered financial arrangement with a view to getting a stronger organizational base in each of those states. The offer involved no greater expenditure than was being made for other states in the current fiscal year (indeed it involved lesser sums than in the others). But it was a departure from what had previously been our program and the Executive Director thought it ought to be known to the Executive Committee. Whereupon upon motion the Executive Committee approved the arrangements made with Kentucky and Tennessee by the Executive Director.

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION

Harold Fleming began by saying that in his nine years with the Council he had not seen as frenzied a time as the last three months when the South had for the first time become a major focus for the nation. He spoke of heavy demand on us by newspapers and writers, touching upon particular organizations that had sought our help. He described the emergence of the economic aspect of the problem of segregation and talked of the early perception of this issue within the Council and of the efforts made to get it understood nationally. He praised the work of the junior members of the staff, in particular the Research Assistant Miss Florence Irving, and Mr. John Constable who is assuming more and more responsibility for getting out New South.

He described in some detail a new task given the Council in a grant made quite recently by the Fund for the Republic of $50,000 to the SRC to enable a short-run job of fact-finding. This would be aimed particularly at gathering information on the Negro vote, on the trade union problems of the day, on Southern resistance movements, and on the economic issue. The grant runs for nine months and was described as fairly flexible in its terms. Fleming, with the help of Miss Irving, Mrs. Bem Price and others on the staff, is currently inventorying the amount of desegregation which has occured since the 1954 Supreme Court decision, and is planning steps to take in the other fields of information.

No public announcement of the grant had been made Mr. Fleming said, (though we had told the FFR that we expected them to carry their normal mentions of it) lest someone hereabouts sound the alarm for everybody to plug the keyholes.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS
C. H. Parrish

Mr. Parrish stated that the general over-view is good, except for the fact that people are a little jittery and a little bit concerned that this whole matter of moderation has, in a sense, weakened our procedure in state organizations. Thinks that overall the picture is very good. One of the things that all of us have worked on which needs continual emphasis is the matter of the utilization of members of the state boards. Tremendous problem is the matter of giving to individual members a sense of responsibility.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS
Frederick B. Routh

After some praise for Mr. Parrish, Mr. Hope, Mrs. Tilly and Irene Osborne for their contributions to the work in the states, Mr. Routh reviewed briefly the major events in each assisted state organization. Various members of the Committee took part in the discussion of programs of individual states.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM
John Hope

Mr. Hope reported another indication of the shift in atmosphere and attitude. As he listened to some of the reports he detected changes in some of the states since he had visited them. In Arkansas our group was getting panicky because they felt that the citizens' councils were really on a strong offensive. His meeting with them was significant.

Our interest has been to bring together a group of well qualified consultants who have the maturity and basic understanding of the situation, partially to deal with people and partially to handle questions informally and to give confidence. Not simply to give information, but to draw the people into thinking through the problem and the events that are happening in such a way that they really work through their problems. Recalled the preliminary meeting in Arkansas which drew together the Executive Committee to talk with the consultants -- idea being to orient the consultants, but really to break the ice and begin to get the key people on the Board and staff working together and discussing their main problems. From there he went to a day and a half meeting of the Board and a larger number of non-Board members. Again the discussion moved from the very general to the specific.

The purpose has been to get the people themselves to thinking through their problems and also to give them indication of what is going on elsewhere; how other people are dealing with the problem. Have tried to bunch our consultants in such a way as to get a good cross-section of experience and basic knowledge of social problems and how to handle them.

Mr. Hope then read excerpts from several letters he had received after the meetings of consultants and state people.

In Texas it seemed that there were a lot of different directions they wanted to go. Had the feeling that they were pulling themselves apart. There was finally a definite clarification of what was important and what was not important.

In Virginia the vision of job areas for the Virginia Council has expanded. Better understanding of how to tackle specific jobs. Insight came from knowing how experts have succeeded. New ideas for cooperating with other community groups. Had to cope with problem of the feeling in local communities that they were isolated. Effort of consultants was to indicate that a large part of the work should be done by individual Board members. Idea of individual resources. Suggested working with communities planning definite stages toward desegregation.

He stated that in the three states which he has already visited the workshops have reached between sixty and eighty people. Between fifty-five and sixty of those people are Board members. It is interesting to see the wide scatter of organizational representation among people who come to the meetings. Had the feeling that the resources and power of the Boards have been underestimated, and suggested that this power might be considerably exploited to get closer cooperation and individual

participation by the Board members.

Has pending a state board and staff meeting in South Carolina for the following Wednesday -- North Carolina the following weekend. There remains Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. In addition, has held a hard-core conference where staff and some Board members were in attendance. Full two-day meeting. Seemed to have been successful. Same feelings of discouragement, feelings of terrific weight of white citizens' councils, quite apparent at the meeting. Feels that as they began to dig into the problems they got a greater vision of what was possible, specifically, and determination to move forward.

The consultants have made efforts to keep the wires open and learn what is the best way to handle program developments as they move along.

At Dr. Mitchell's request, has had correspondence and conversation with Mrs. Bradley of the Child Study Association, thinks that they have good ideas and would like to involve them in the South, pointing quite specifically to panels.

Significant thing to consider -- has come up in Tennessee at this point and will probably come at a later date in other communities -- some communities are on the brink of possible integration, but there is not enough momentum to push them over. Need to consider how to move the official circles to active cooperation -- official or unofficial -- with a policy statement. Believed that if the statement went on to say "it is a local matter but we are going to see that local people are not bothered if they want to do it," it would be more effective. Question: "To what extent with the use of consultants could you infiltrate in these areas?" Answer: Consultants have this advantage: not a part of this organization, can be invited in to advise -- officially, unofficially, within limits, without limits. It was Mr. Hope's thought that in Tennessee within the next few days or weeks such a thing might develop.

The Tennessee Council, along with Fellowship House, has a program to bring white and Negro teachers together on Saturday afternoons. Knoxville is going to make an announcement any day now. Some people feel that the Alabama incident made people aware of the need for such groups, and that statements are going to begin emerging.

Mrs. Tilly's report was postponed until Saturday morning, as she had just returned to the city and had not had time to prepare it.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mrs. Alexander distributed to the members of the Executive Committee the following facts:

Statement of Income Raised Anew This Fiscal Year
October 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals	$ 1,765.00	
Organizations	1,986.00	
Churches	2,100.00	
Foundations	13,400.00	
Total Contributions		$19,251.00
OTHER INCOME:		
SRC Dues (Associates)	$ 231.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	3,068.50	
Sale of Literature	567.44	
Honoraria	307.68	
Interest Income	890.40	
Total, Other Income		$ 5,065.02
TOTAL INCOME TO MARCH 31, 1956		$24,316.02

Total amount to be raised to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from FFR	$55,000.00
Less: Amount raised to March 31, 1956	24,316.02
Balance to be raised by September 30, 1956	$30,683.98

In comment she said, among other things, that as of this report SRC was a little less than half-way toward getting the amount needed to assure receipt of further aid from the FFR for the coming fiscal year.

She said that the state organizations have done well over the six months period of this fiscal period, and all but four seem to be on the way to meeting the required conditions. Virginia and Georgia are better than half-way toward meeting their quotas.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

Mr. Alexander, Administrative Assistant, distributed the following figures relating to the budget, which figures revealed that the expenditures were comfortably close to anticipated amounts and that the Council's central office now stood to come up $15,000 short of enough to enable it to close the budget year in balance.

Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenses as of March 31, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/31/56	Percent of Budget realized
Contributions from individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$14,000	$ 6,2[illegible]0.00	44.5
Dues	500	2[illegible]1.00	46.2
New South subscriptions	6,000	3,068.50	51.1
Sale of Literature	3,000	567.44	18.8
Honoraria	1,000	307.68	30.7
Interest income	800	813.90	101.7
Fund for the Republic	25,000	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,100	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55(estimated)	2,500	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$64,900	$50,828.52	78.3
*Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget	28,180	14,150.00	59.9
TOTAL	$93,080	$64,978.52	69.8

EXPENSES	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/31/56	Percent of Budget Expended
Salaries	$61,600	$31,242.59	50.5
Social Security Tax	800	266.00	33.2
Travel	7,500	4,501.96	60.0
Printing New South & Postage	6,500	3,444.90	52.9
Printing, other	2,000	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680	840.00	50.0
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500	1,409.01	56.3
Postage	2,000	573.92	28.6
Books & Subscriptions	300	229.09	76.3
Accounting fees	500	305.00	61.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300	349.31	116.4
Office Supplies	2,900	1,105.98	38.1
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com. Mtgs.	2,000	1,263.80	63.1
Special Mtgs/Women's Work	2,500	586.89	23.4
Total	$93,080	$46,301.98	49.7

*Includes $5,000 from unallocated State Funds.

Staff Forecast of Income for Remainder of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956) And Statement of Income Received to Date

BUDGET for 1955-56		$93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$24,129.00	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry-over from Duke and Field Funds (1954-55)	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$68,629.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 4/18/56	$12,300.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		$80,929.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$12,151.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small foundations	300.00
Labor organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	100.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other churches	1,100.00
Board members	806.00
Individual Contributions	959.00
Associate members	231.00
New South subscriptions	3,069.00
Honoraria	308.00
Interest	814.00
Sale of Literature	567.00
TOTAL	$24,129.00
**Amount expectable:	
Churches	$ 900.00
New South	3,000.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of literature	500.00
Small foundations	700.00
Labor organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$12,300.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

April 18, 1956

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF SRC

Mr. Alexander read to the Committee the following breakdown by states of the Southern Regional Council Finance Committee:

Alabama	No representative named as yet
Arkansas	Attorney J. R. Booker Century Building Sixth and Gaines Streets Little Rock, Arkansas
Florida	Professor Raymond F. Bellamy Florida State University Tallahassee, Florida (Doubtful if he can serve)
Georgia	No representative Former representative resigned
Kentucky	Mr. Houston A. Baker 2218 West Broadway Louisville, Kentucky
Louisiana	Professor R. C. Reynaud 1413 Mill Street Lake Charles, Louisiana
Mississippi	Mr. S. W. Miller 1503 West Pearl Street Jackson, Mississippi
North Carolina	Mr. W. L. Greene 125 East Hargett Street Raleigh, North Carolina
South Carolina	Mr. J. M. Dabbs Mayesville, South Carolina
Tennessee	Mr. Walter Sharp Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee
Texas	Mr. Charles A. Shaw 2206 Dowling Houston, Texas
Virginia	Mr. Paul D. Williams 3320 Gloucester Road Richmond, Virginia

He reported that the Committee had had two area meetings, one at New Orleans on March 7th and another at Atlanta on March 16th. At each meeting those present had agreed that some such sum as $1,000 should be raised in the very near future for the central office, and a similar thousand for each Finance Committee member's own state. It was planned that follow-up meetings would be arranged. Mr. Wright, who had been present for both meetings, suggested further activity in stimulating each Committee member to arrange for cultivation of possible prospects.

Various persons present commented on the confusion unavoidable in the matter of raising money both for state organizations and for the central office.

Father Shean suggested that it might be possible to steal some thunder from other people (i.e., citizens' councils) in building up a clientele with enthusiasm for the total work. Stated that SRC does not do any flag-waving, any preaching, or anything that might elicit emotional appeal. He wondered if there is a chance of doing a public relations job in the sense that SRC comes down to a lower level of approach to reach a wider variety of people. Suggested a very careful job of public relations done under the theme of democracy, religion, justice, etc. He asked opinions of the idea of using an expert fund-raising company or some expert fund-raiser who would also be skilled in public relations to prepare literature that would really build up such an idea, so that more and more Southern people will be aware that this is what the churches, the country, the schools were founded for. He stated that the methods are good, objectives are good, and the need is great.

Mr. Dabbs gave it as his view that you could not sell democracy to the South; the South would have to stumble into it.

Mr. Routh stated that Mr. Edwin Lukas of AJC had made some offer to assist the training of some of the state people in fund-raising.

Mr. Wesley stated that he has always felt that SRC didn't have the organ to attract the common man. One of the ways in which SRC could raise money is to take a message to the masses. Stated that he was always afraid of professional organizers -- if they do a good job, fine, but if not usually one is left broke. This is a good time for SRC to sell to the mass of people something else to hold to. Believes that it is not necessary to have public relations people, as the job could be done without them, especially if it jeopardizes the little money SRC already has. An important point in getting the job done is to approach the ordinary working man. He thought it important to get the majority of Southern working men, Negro and white, to understand that these things are a part of their inheritance, and that the things that they hang on to now are not.

Mr. Fleming suggested an early meeting with John Hope's consultants to find out what is known about public opinion-making in the South. Mr. Hope cautioned lest a propaganda program aimed at raising money interfere with long-range program prosecution. Thought we should talk with professional people who know the money-raising game and also with people who had knowledge of mass media.

Mr. Wright suggested the acceptance of the services of a money-raiser from the AJC and hoped that that would prove practicable. Mr. Parrish stated that he had talked with G. E. Mattison of Charlotte and another man from Mobile, and felt that such individuals would be of great help. Their business is raising money and they have the feel of social change.

Mr. Clement asked if a Chairman of the Finance Committee had been obtained. Mr. Mitchell replied that a vacant position of Treasurer of SRC was made when a change in by-laws was made at the last Annual Meeting, and negotiations were presently underway with some hope of success in filling the position. Mr. Wright stated that the Treasurer would presumably be the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Two vacancies on the Executive Committee having arisen, respectfully from the unwillingness of Mr. J. McDowell Richards to accept his election, and from the resignation of Mrs. C. M. Birnie, the Executive Director referred to the ruling of the Chair at the previous meeting that the Executive Committee had power to fill its own vacancies. And upon being asked for nominations put forward the names of Mr. B. R. Brazeal and Reverend Duncan Hunter, respectfully of Atlanta, Georgia, and Alexander City, Alabama. It was agreed that each of these persons would in some sense represent a state organization on the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee as heretofore constituted had not had anybody on it who sat on the Board as representatitves of state organizations. Mr. Hunter is Chairman of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, and Mr. Brazeal is the elected representative on the Board of SRC and of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

Whereupon upon motion it was agreed that Mr. B. R. Brazeal and the Reverend Duncan Hunter be elected members of the Executive Committee.

As to the Board of Directors, Mr. Alexander stated that it had 78 members of whom 12 are ex-officio, 12 are state representatives, 5 are officers, and 49 regularly elected members. Of the 49 regularly elected members, 24 are in terms which will expire at the Annual Meeting in 1957, and 25 are in terms which will expire at the Annual Meeting in 1959.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, one member has resigned (Mr. Morton Weiss of Atlanta) and one person elected November, 1955, has accepted membership on the Board (Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. Brunini). The elected membership is one less than the number of 50 which the by-laws of the Council state is the maximum number. The Executive Committee took the view that the Board is at present at strength.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING MEETING

The meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

LIMIT FUTURE URBAN MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ONE DAY?

The Executive Director queried the Committee as to whether they wished to make the meetings (other than the Summertime meeting) cover a single calendar day. Nearly all members of the Committee were in favor of continuing with the present arrangement of a split meeting lasting the greater part of two days.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATIONS

The Executive Director stated that he was prepared to display to the Committee in Executive Session a proposed schedule of within-grade promotional jumps.

POSSIBLE WHITE HOUSE INTEREST IN SRC.

Mr. Wright asked Mr. Fleming to state his views on this. Mr. Fleming said that it was Mr. Wright's proposal that since the Council had been the object of a barrage of attacks it might be possible to neutralize these attacks by obtaining some statement of benediction from the President of the United States that might arise naturally from some normal contact.

The matter was discussed at length by most present. The Executive Director dissented vigorously. It was his argument that the program of the Southern Regional Council has its own dignity and that it should not ride on the coattails of a temporary occupant of the White House.

After prolonged discussion, the matter was tabled until the Saturday morning session.

LEGAL FEE ARISING FROM THE GEORGIA COMMITTEE

The Executive Director posed to the Committee the question of whether it wished to asist the Director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation in completing payment of a bill for legal services to him as Director of the Georgia Committee, incurred in connection with the recent attack on Dr. Wells by the State Teachers Retirement Board and the State Board of Regents.

Discussion cast some doubt upon the propriety of using tax-exempt money to pay an attorney's fee; raised the question of whether some proportion of the attorney's fee was not really Mr. Wells' personally; and questioned the propriety of setting a precedent under which others similarly slandered or threatened might not be assisted in legal action by the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Wright stated that if the Southern Regional Council should pay the unpaid bill of Mr. Wells, then SRC should be perfectly willing to put it in the papers that that was done. He, himself, would certainly hate to see something like that in the papers which, he said, showed that he had some doubts about it. Upon motion it was agreed that the Southern Regional Council would not pay the requested portion of Dr. Wells' attorney fee.

COMPLIANCE BY STATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH ALL STATE LEGISLATION

Mr. Wright, having in mind the Louisiana case against the NAACP, questioned whether there might not be a possibility of such suits being brought against state organizations of SRC. He suggested that each state organization be written to be sure that it is complying with all state laws. Mr. Wesley suggested that Counsel here in Atlanta be asked to check state statutes to see if the state organizations are complying. The Executive Director agreed to take the matter up with Counsel.

ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Wright, who had conferred with Mr. Leonard Haas shortly after Mr. Haas' expression originally of a purpose to resign, stated that Mr. Leonard Haas had not resigned in fact because the Council was under attack, but that Mr. Leonard Haas had made it plain that he wished SRC to choose a successor at as early a date as practicable. Mr. Leonard Haas had suggested that a remote kinsman, Mr. Joseph Haas, might be prevailed upon to take the position of Counsel. The Executive Director stated that Joseph Haas had indicated to the Executive Director that Mr. Joseph Haas would accept election as the Counsel. Mr. Mitchell said that, as the Executive Committee well knew, the position was without emoluments.

Upon motion Mr. Leonard Haas' resignation as Counsel was accepted with regret, and Mr. Joseph Haas was elected to replace him.

It was upon motion agreed that arrangements be made suitably to honor Mr. Leonard Haas at the next Annual Meeting.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned, to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. April 21st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - FRIDAY, APRIL 20

In Executive Session the Committee elected as Treasurer Miss Josephine Wilkins.

In Executive Session, under the item "Personnel Classifications," it was directed that on May 1st Fred Routh's salary be increased by $250, Harold Fleming's salary by $500, and George Mitchell's salary by $1,000. The difference in increase for Routh and Fleming was ascribed to the difference in length of tenure.

SATURDAY MORNING MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m. Invocation was delivered by the Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. Tilly began with some account of the pro-segregation literature now in circulation in the South; the misuse of Biblical texts in that connection; and the need for a leaflet which would set the public straight on Biblical interpretations.

She referred to the Fellowship of the Concerned and its beginnings and to its present stringent need for funds. The old Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynchings she said had been generously supplied with funds, and she frequently longed for similar provision for the Fellowship of the Concerned.

She reviewed her activities on behalf of the Farm Security Administration, her work with the Civil Rights Committee; the efforts of the Fellowship of the Concerned in getting women to sit in the courts; and the various state meetings lately held, sometimes in conjunction with the United Church Women through the Fellowship of the Concerned.

She said that human relations must have a religious basis, and that the various speakers at the meetings have held such a spirit.

She gave quotations from leading figures at some of the meetings and said that the meetings in general pointed up a lessening of communication between church women's groups as a consequence of the inroads of the white citizens' councils, and as a consequence of the fear so pervasively evident in the South today.

She said that at least one hundred thousand church women in the Southeastern states have had education in human relations through their church bodies, and could be movedto action in the spirit of their training. There was the additional resources she said of the interest of the various denominational bodies in truly Christian behavior. All this would be a mighty force if the women could be brought together oftener. But, she said, in the Southern Regional Council this work is a side issue. The original request to the Ford Foundation had made no specific request for funds for the work with church women, and for the time-being she was without funds except the $1,000 available from the John Hay Whitney grant. She listed her needs as a full-time secretary; the undivided use of a typewriter, shelves for materials, filing cabinets; in short, funds adequate to proceed generously with her program. She spoke of some such sum as at least $5,000.

Various members separately praised Mrs. Tilly's work. Mr. Clement suggested that the General Education Board, or others connected with the Rockefeller family, would be interested and suggested that Mrs. Tilly and Mr. Mitchell get an appointment with Mr. Lindsley Kimball of the General Education Board, 49 West 49th Street, New York City, and see if money could be found.

Mrs. Tilly noted that the Agenda had listed her not by her letterhead title of "In-Charge of Women's Work," but as Director of Women's Work, and asked if that might be her title. Whereupon upon motion Mrs. Tilly was given that title. And it was declared to be the sense of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Tilly and the Executive Director prepare a proposal to the General Education Board for such amount and for such period as they decide.

POSSIBLE MEETING OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS

The Executive Director stated that it is time and past time for SRC to bring its state organizations together. The states do not have enough money to pay for their own travel, and the central office does not have enough money to bring them together. The conference of the so-called hard-core states had filled a part of the need, but by no means all. The Executive Director was merely reporting the need for such a conference and that it was an unbudgeted item.

DECISION RE WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

In accordance with the order of business established in the meeting the day before, the Committee again took up this topic. Mr. Fleming stated that his present view is that such a statement would be helpful if a favorable one could be obtained. He would not be happy in public relations terms about a statement elicited from the President's blind side; that is sending something to him or hoping to obtain something through a meeting. And he pointed to the drawbacks inherent in any subsequent repudiation by the President of any statement that might be given.

Father Shean said that most of our efforts are in accordance with what the courts have said, and that our efforts should be to call attention to the fact that people should have respect for the courts and should do what they decide. The President is a symbol of our nation and is recognized as such by people who are against us, but who cannot get away from respect for his office. He believes that there are many people in the South who would pay attention to what the President said.

Whereupon upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approved the idea of obtaining an endorsement from the President of the United States, provided that an adequate and knowing statement could be obtained.

In further discussion Mr. Wesley said that Dr. Mitchell's statement that we earn what we get is fine, but in his view SRC has earned the right to ask the President or any other right-thinking person to endorse what it stands for.

Discussion continued on the point for some time.

FURTHER FUNDS FOR CONSULTANTS' SERVICE

The Executive Director stated that SRC had floated John Hope's program out of last year's balance of unused state allotments, and that the last of the money would be used up in the latter part of May, and that on present appearances the Council would be without funds to continue this invaluable program. A request to continue this program is now before the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, but we had no assurance that it would be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wright said that Mr. Fleming had mentioned the desirability of allowing John Constable to attend meetings of the Executive Committee. Mr. Wright stated that all who knew Mr. Constable had been very much impressed with him, and that his concern with SRC's public relations would particularly justify his presence. It was the sense of the Executive Committee that at subsequent meetings it would welcome Mr. Constable's presence.

Father Shean asked (1) is it permissible to ask the Council to form some sort of Committee to investigate and study into the needs of fund-raising and public relations, or would it be permissible for him, as an individual, to discuss the matter with someone of that type?; and (2) Does the Committee expect to have an Executive Session this morning? Is it permissible to r equest one?

Whereupon upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Committee would appoint a Committee to investigate the needs for fund-raising and public relations.

As to Father Shean's second question, it was upon motion agreed that the Executive Committee would go into Executive Session after the adjournment of the Saturday morning meeting.

Mr. Mitchell noted that Miss Wilkins, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Christopher were at pains to send in word in advance that unusual circumstances would prevent their being present at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - SATURDAY, APRIL 21

At the Executive Session Father Shean reopened the matter of the Council's financial assistance to Dr.Guy Wells. After discussion it was agreed that the action taken Friday, April 20th, should be unchanged.

Father Shean felt that it would be proper for the Council to give consideration to a policy to be followed in connection with possible legal involvement of any central or state staff member on account of his activities as a staff member. The following procedure was agreed upon:

> Mr. Wright should prepare a statement indicating the extent to which the Council might go in defending or assisting employees, and submit such statement to the Counsel of the organization. Upon securing approval of Counsel of a policy to be followed, such policy would be submitted at the next meeting of the Executive Committee for action.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF INCOME RAISED ANEW THIS FISCAL YEAR
October 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals	$ 1,765.00	
Organizations	1,986.00	
Churches	2,100.00	
Foundations	13,400.00	
Total Contributions		$ 19,251.00
OTHER INCOME:		
SRC Dues (Associates)	$ 231.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	3,068.50	
Sale of Literature	567.44	
Honoraria	307.68	
Interest Income	890.40	
Total, Other Income		$ 5,065.02
TOTAL INCOME TO MARCH 31, 1956		$ 24,316.02

Total amount to be raised to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from FFR	$ 55,000.00
Less: Amount raised to March 31, 1956	24,316.02
Balance to be raised to September 30, 1956	$ 30,683.98

April 20, 1956

APRIL 20, 1956 Meeting of the Executive Committee

Mr. M.L. Weiss resigned March 20 from the Board and from the Finance Committee.

Letter attached.

FASHIONABLE WRITING PAPERS BROS., INC.
245 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE,
ATLANTA 6, GEORGIA

March 20, 1956

FILE COPY

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Because of personal reasons, please accept my resignation effective at once as a member of your organization and a representative on many committees.

As you know, there was some confusion about my serving as a representative on the financial committee of S.R.C., which was done without my knowledge or approval.

Sincerely,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

President

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REPORT ON SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IN SESSION APRIL 20, 1956

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The Finance Committee has held two area meetings. The first meeting was held on March 9th, 1956 at Dillard University in New Orleans. Representatives from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas were requested to attend this meeting.

The following persons attended this meeting: Mr. Marion A. Wright; Mr. George S. Mitchell; Mr. Wiley Branton, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, substituting for Mr. J. B. Booker of Little Rock; Mr. R. C. Reynaud, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Mr. S. W. Miller, Jackson, Mississippi; and Mr. Charles A. Shaw, Houston, Texas. Mr. A. W. Dent was present for a good portion of the meeting.

The second meeting was held on March 16, 1956 at the Wesley Memorial Church Building in Atlanta. Representatives from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia were requested to attend this meeting. The following persons attended this meeting: Mr. W. L. Greene, Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. J. M. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C.; Mr. Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Josephine Wilkins (observer), Atlanta; Mr. Marion A. Wright; Mr. George S. Mitchell; and Mr. G. S. Alexander.

It was the general opinion of both groups that each State Representative would attempt to raise $ 2,000.00 in the very near future. Of the amount raised one-half would go to the State Council and one-half to SRC. If each state raised its quota SRC could successfully meet its budget requirements for the current fiscal year.

Follow-up meetings will be arranged in the near future.

Membership roll is attached.

April 19, 1956

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April 23, 1956

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To: MEF

If you will use the days of this week to do a rough draft of the sort of proposal you would like, and that would meet the wishes of the Executive Committee, I will work with you on shaping it up after my return from Greensboro, effective April 28.

eab/

A CALL FOR ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP

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New South NOTES

This particular issue of *New South* has been expanded from the customary 12 pages to 16 pages in order to present the increasing dangers to the economic and industrial progress of the South inherent in the present controversy over integration.

The lead article summarizes what national and regional leaders are saying concerning a situation they consider a threat to Southern economic progress and reprints a letter from the Southern Regional Council, which calls on the leadership of Southern Chambers of Commerce to help in promoting reasonable solutions to the segregation problems.

Along with this call for leadership, warnings and appeals by Governor Collins of Florida, the Birmingham *Post-Herald*, and *Newsweek* magazine also are printed.

In an article written following a visit to Orangeburg, South Carolina, William Gordon, managing editor of the *Atlanta Daily World*, tells how economic reprisals and injustices, inspired by White Citizens' Councils, have resulted in a retaliatory boycott by Negro citizens. The article demonstrates how the unreasonable course of Southern bigots not only endangers individual progress but is muddying the once-clear prospect of future economic development for the entire Southern region.

Rounding out the issue, Otis Durant Duncan writes of the desegregation progress in Oklahoma; and how the state is rapidly moving toward equality for all its citizens.

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A CALL FOR ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP

Following is the text of a letter sent by the Southern Regional Council to State Chamber of Commerce presidents in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia:

Dear Sir:

We write you out of a deep concern for the present threat to the moral and economic well-being of the South arising out of controversies over segregation. It is our hope that your organization, which is committed to the progress of your State, will use its influence to promote discussion and understanding between genuinely representative members of both races.

Reasonable men and women in the South are disturbed by the extremist views which now dominate the public life of our region. They recognize that we will not solve our problems or advance the interests of the South by indulging our prejudices and passions. They are distressed by the absence of leadership on the side of calmness, constructiveness, and good will. They believe that racial differences can be worked out in every community by responsible white and Negro citizens.

Yet these people of good will are all but voiceless and powerless in the emotional climate which prevails. Our public policies on segregation are being dictated by fear and hysteria. The choice before the South is falsely represented as a choice between absolute segregation and immediate, all-out integration. Defiance, resistance, nullification, repression, and intimidation are the order of the day, and it is no surprise that they bring in their wake violence, which everyone claims to abhor. Unless this trend is reversed, the South faces the prospect of grave economic and cultural damage.

In the last fifteen years, the South has embarked on an unprecedented period of economic growth: industrialization, business and financial development, and a general rise in prosperity. Not only continued progress but the gains that have already been made are imperilled by today's secessionist policies.

Will the new industries sought by the Southern States be eager to build expensive plants in areas where the existence of public schools is in doubt, where tension and violence threaten, where public officials advocate political and economic reprisals against all who disagree with them, where the very maintenance of law and order is uncertain?

Can we hope to sell our state bonds in the national market at reasonable interest rates while the air echoes with threats to abolish the schools and other public facilities?

In the face of such conditions, can we hope to hold and attract the talent we need to develop our resources — the ablest teachers, scientists, professional people, executives in business and industry?

Can the South hope to take its rightful place in economic, religious, cultural, and political councils while our leadership seeks to isolate us from the rest of the nation and the world?

If the South is to continue to progress as a modern industrial society, we must meet the great question of our time

LET'S USE OUR HEADS

Reprinted from Birmingham *Post-Herald*

If ever there was a time when we needed to keep our heads and watch our words and actions it is now.

No thoughtful citizen of the South minimizes the dangers with which we live.

For the problems which plague us there are no ready answers.

How foolish then, at such a time, to permit ourselves to be confused and divided by propaganda deliberately planned to goad us to rashness and to replace reason with blind emotion.

Yet just that is happening in our community.

"Black lists" secretly circulated to spread vicious rumor in time will destroy our unity.

Already "rumors" aimed at a number of outstanding local business concerns are doing them untold harm and they are defenseless. . . .

Such rumors are always hard to track down. The source is vague and elusive. . . .

How foolish can we get? How careless?

If this program was designed to foster suspicion and breed hate among us it certainly is succeeding. But unless we as individuals want to be a party to it then we should start using our heads.

Let's be quick to demand proof. Let's be careful indeed before we denounce another.

with maturity and responsibility. We must, as a reasonable people, weigh the alternatives before us calmly and realistically, giving full consideration to their consequences. We must chart our public course with a sane regard for the changing demands of our age, rather than blind, emotional attachment to the past.

The first step in this critically needed process is a calm sharing of views and ideas by informed representatives of both races within the South. Each community should be given both opportunity and encouragement to work out in this way its adjustment to the legal requirements of the Supreme Court decision.

For each Southern community there is a wise, workable program, neither rebellious nor precipitate, which sensible local people can agree upon. They will need to work together to find the facts, and then they will reach a decision together. Thereafter, with surprising acceptance, the workable plan can come into effect. You and your associates represent one of the South's strongest forces for orderly procedure. We sincerely urge that you lend the resources and influence of your organization toward the carrying out, in detail, community by community, of this general plan.

Bigotry Dims South's Future

It is evident that the bright future of the South in industry is being dimmed by racial tensions. And national industrialists, once eager to move South, are taking a second look at the Southern picture before investing capital in plant locations where racists are spreading their poisons.

This threat to the Southern industrial developments is two-fold. Industrialists not only are fearful of the turmoil and violence that might result from racial bigotry but look with a skeptical eye at areas where the economic boycott is being used against merchants and companies accused of having partisan interests in the segregation question.

Although it is being denied in some quarters, it is nevertheless true that national leaders are studying the long range effect the race question might have on industry; and national writers are beginning to publish the facts that these leaders are uneasy over the situation. Southern boycotts against individuals and companies are beginning to receive full coverage of the press.

The economic boycott by white citizens first came into prominence in Mississippi and is now being practiced in Alabama and South Carolina. It has been used against Negroes who petition for their rights and against businesses which have been accused of aiding the process of integration. And more recently, the pro-segregation elements have discovered, to their dismay, that the economic weapon is a two-way street. Negroes have been using their tremendously increased purchasing power in retaliation for injustices heaped on them.

And despite denials from some Southern sources, many Southern leaders are definitely aware of the harm of racial violence, tensions, and boycotts. This awareness is evident even in Mississippi. Late last year, Hugh White, then governor of Mississippi, said in regard to racial violence, "Our state's economy has (already) been severely injured. If they can say state law has broken down, there's no telling what is going to happen."

In regard to boycotts, Mississippi State Senator William Alexander warned, "We have lifted the banners of bitterness and prejudice above our feeling of common sense and decency against some people and companies whose records for as long as a half century have been friendly and helpful." After noting that a land of boycott is hardly a place to attract new industry, he added, "We cannot afford boycotts. We have the problem with us of sustaining and augmenting the tremendous advances we have achieved in the postwar period."

Proof that the South's economic pudding is turning sour because of the integration conflict can be seen in the statements of industrial leaders. Glenn Fowler writes in the *New York Times* that one of the country's largest plant location consulting firms reports a "definite diminishing of the desire of industry to move South."

The *Times* article quotes Leonard Yaseen, senior partner of Fantus Factory Locating Service, as saying "This feeling may be temporary, but it's there. And it's based exclusively on hard-headed business prospects, not related to

where the sympathies of management lie on the question of integration."

Sylvia Porter, New York financial columnist, quotes L. Clinton Hoch, a partner in the Fantus firm, who reported: "At least 20 corporation moving projects are being seriously reconsidered in the light of the situation in the South. Now it's a question whether the problem is serious enough to slow down the South's industrial growth. Maybe it's only temporary, but if they don't find a solution (to the integration problem), it'll be more than temporary."

Miss Porter, in a syndicated column from Charlotte, North Carolina, summed up the situation neatly, when she wrote:

"Put in simple, yet superlatively significant dollars-and-cents terms, it is:

"That the increasingly violent conflict over integration of the Negro will, if it continues, seriously set back the plans of industries all over America to expand in and move to the Southeast.

"If this happens — AND IT IS ALREADY STARTING TO HAPPEN — then:

"The strong industrial upsurge upon which the development plans of Charlotte and every other leading city in the South are based — will fall far short of expectations;

"The South's great transition from economic colonialism to an industrialized, alive, sophisticated society will be shamefully slowed;

"The now bright production-employment-income picture will be perceptibly darkened;

"The profound industrial revolution of the South — which just in the last 15 years has slashed unemployment and dramatically raised living standards — will be interrupted."

The feeling that this progress will be impeded by tension surrounding the integration issue is shared, at least partly, by Boyd Campbell, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Campbell, who is chairman of the board of the Mississippi School Supply Co., president of the Mississippi State School Book Depository, and president of the Office Supply Co., in a speech to the Southern States Industrial Relations Conference, said:

"I am merely stating a fact when I say that this issue (segregation) has created a host of new tensions in major segments of the Southern states. Northern business men are thoroughly aware of this. We all know that some Northern concerns have moved South or have thought about moving South to escape tension and in the hopes of conducting their businesses in an orderly, fair and equitable way. I am inclined to the opinion that not very many men will exchange a familiar kind of tension — no matter how irksome — for an unknown kind of tension."

Depressing as the situation is, the problem is not insoluble, however.

Miss Porter again summed up the situation when she wrote:

"If American industry is to continue building up this whole area (South), it must be able to count on an urban, worldly atmosphere in which the men coming in can work at ease and their families live without tension.

"In Charlotte, the most encouraging thing I discovered was the beginning awareness of the economic force involved in this issue — as distinct from the emotional, social, political, legal forces.

"It could be that the economic force will be the greatest of them all in helping the South toward a solution and thus helping it stay firmly on the road toward a brilliant destiny."

It could be — and let's hope it happens.

Boycotts Can Cut Two Ways

By WILLIAM GORDON

It was news of a boycott by Negroes, organized pressure against whites which caused me to drive into South Carolina. And I shall never forget that brisk autumn day when I sat in the home of one of Orangeburg's most distinguished Negro women. The house stood in full view, and one could get a pretty good perspective of the business, the industry and even some of the homes of this town of 15,000 inhabitants.

"We even taught them their prayers, my grandfather often told us," the woman said waving at the view before us. . . . It was difficult for her to understand why the white people of the town had turned down a request by parents to integrate the public schools. It was more difficult in light of the fact that Negroes and whites had lived and worked side by side for generations, and that in many instances, her forebears had "taught them how to pray."

This woman did not understand that the recent Supreme Court ruling against segregation in education had, in fact, aroused some of the latent prejudices of whites, even though it had cut the legal barrier and allowed the more liberal elements to move forward with the times. Without full knowledge of many historical implications, it is hard to understand some native behavior, particularly in states like South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The hard-core areas have produced a new kind of "mob-rule," some known as hate groups, opposing everything from Catholicism to Negroes playing on the same athletic teams with whites.

In South Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama, it's the White Citizens' Councils, the well publicized economic pressure groups. With few exceptions, roots of the Councils seem more firmly buried in small towns, and in those areas with sparse population. Their members are usually the "elite, church going, club and business-minded folk who also claim to be God-fearing." Orangeburg and the surrounding areas have about eight or ten active chapters of the White Citizens' Councils.

"It is easy to obtain membership," one man said. "The main requirement is to be white and take a stand against integration of the public schools."

The White Citizens' Councils became active in Orangeburg after some fifty or more Negroes petitioned the local board to integrate the schools.

"It all came without warning," a woman said. "There were families with small children, old people who could not get about, the ill, all caught in the grip of the squeeze."

She told how milk firms refused to deliver products to the homes of parents whose names appeared on the petition. There were also bread firms, gasoline distributors and even bottling companies, all locally owned, refusing to serve Negro business firms and Negro families. Those without businesses were fired straight out. One man said:

"My boss called me in off the job one day.

William Gordon is managing editor of the Atlanta Daily World *and was a Neiman Fellow.*

"'Did you sign this petition?'" he snapped.

The man said his boss produced the copy of a newspaper carrying the names of all petitioners. Seeing his own name in print, he said he could not deny that he had signed. When he admitted signing, his boss asked him to withdraw and make a statement declaring his position. The man refused to do so. He was fired on the spot. Other firings followed this one. As one man observed:

Names Printed

The local newspaper printed the list of petitioners in several editions and whites all over Orangeburg seemed to have a good supply of copies.

"The Councils struck without regard to social distinction," one man said. There was the contractor who had done a large portion of business for white business firms, individuals and even private builders."

"Orangeburg is my home." he said. "I once had more business than I could handle during the height of the season. But now, I'm lucky to get three decent jobs a month."

I learned that this man was once quite prominent in Orangeburg. He had been known to employ as many as a dozen people full time. But since the Councils came he has even been approached while on the job and told: "We are sorry, but we can't use you anymore." More incidents followed without explanation.

A local minister and businessman thought he had established himself well in the city until one day he was told that no more credit would be extended him for gasoline products. He was soon forced out of business. There have been other instances, during recent weeks, where Negroes were turned down when they attempted to obtain credit, or extend credit where it had previously been made available.

"Obtaining a mortgage to build a home is almost out of the question," one resident said.

"This should be a ripe market for a Negro insurance firm or lending institution," said another.

"The great problem regarding a Negro lending institution," one man said. "would be that of obtaining a charter for local operations." It was apparent that this man feared opposition from the Citizens' Councils. This fear was more apparent later when I learned that a Negro had tried to work as a broker. He had difficulty getting sufficient financial backing even though he had good credit rating in the city.

Much of the city's economy is tied to the two Negro colleges. There is some industry and more is slowly coming. But there's still not enough to effectively change attitudes and customs. But despite operations of the White Citizens' Councils, economic pressure in Orangeburg has begun to backfire. A young Negro business man, a native of Orangeburg and college graduate was the first to testify to this.

Overestimation

"The Negroes in Orangeburg overestimated the white man's integrity when they petitioned the school board," he said while sitting in his ultra-modern home. Across the street from Jim Sulton's home is a modern up-to-date Esso Service Station, which he and a brother have been operating for several years. Located in the stream of motor traffic. they enjoy Negro and white trade. Jim Sulton and his wife have two small children. His wife has been a teacher. But she has not tried for another job since their last baby was born only a few months ago.

"They cut off all my credit," he replied. "They have tried everything short of violence to squeeze Negroes economically. The man came and took the ice cream box away from my station. I haven't had Cokes in the station since July. I know this has hurt some of the small business people, but the results have forced Negroes to organize as I have never seen them do before."

Fortunate

This young businessman has been fortunate — fortunate enough to be able to buy with cash and also fortunate that his firm, Standard Oil Co., has not stooped to orders of the Citizens' Councils. The fact is, he gets his products from Charleston, S. C. He was fortunate again, in that he was economically able to assist others. He hired one of the men fired by a local appliance firm, and he has been in the midst of a campaign to secure funds for others.

"A drive for money, clothing and other items has worked well," the young leader said. "They are sticking it out because they have organized into solid groups, all taking special responsibility to obtain and distribute funds to victims of the Councils."

At a recent rally in Orangeburg, Negroes raised over $3,000. They raised funds in Columbia, S. C., where similar groups are being formed to fight boycotts. Clothing, food, and other items are being bought in a pool and rationed out quietly to those in need. There are periodic meetings to keep up interest.

"The NAACP has been sharply criticized for action by Negroes in the boycott," a leader said. "But many Negroes realize they are being kicked around by the White Citizens' Councils and they keep us posted on the Councils' activities."

By some quiet method, Negroes have secured the names of local white merchants who are members of the Citizens' Councils. There are 23 such business firms listing membership with the pressure groups. Negro leaders showed me a list of these businesses, which they distribute widely at churches, gatherings, parties and other functions wherever a crowd might be: "Don't patronize these local firms! Bryant's Drug Store, Becker's, Coble Dairy, Coca-Cola, Curtis Candy Co., Duncan Supply, Edisto Theatre, Holmon Grocery, Horne Motors, Kirkland Laundry, Lance Crackers, Lay's Potato Chips, Lane's Television, Limehouse Men's, Orange Cut-Rate, Paradise Ice Cream, Smoak Hardware, Sunbeam Bread, Shell Oil, Tom's Toasted Peanuts, Taylor Biscuit Co., Waltz Grocery and Fersner's 5 & 10." The action is getting sharp results. A local theatre has almost been forced to close its section designated for Negro patronage.

One Fear

Those fighting the economic squeeze seem to have no inhibitions about what will happen to them, one family says. What most parents fear is what may happen to some of the youngsters having to go to and from school. So far, there have been only two incidents involving youngsters. The first concerned a lad of 14, charged with delivering a note to the home of a white woman. The woman accused him of "annoying her." The boy was taken into custody by police and later released by the judge who claimed, "There was not a sign of evidence in the whole thing." Local citizens raised funds and sent the boy out of town.

The second incident involved a youngster of college age, who happened to be a carrier for the local newspaper. The boy said, during deliveries, he had been taking the paper through the front entrance of a down-town restaurant. One

day, he was told by a woman employee of the place to come to the back door. His reply: "I'm sorry, madam, I don't make it a habit of entering through back doors, people get shot that way." The boy lost his newspaper route, and it was also rumored that he was dismissed from one of the local colleges.

College Role

How the local colleges entered the boycott against the Citizens' Councils was told by a quiet-mannered youngster at South Carolina State College. One of the leaders of the student council, the youngster comes from a section near Charleston. He is majoring in natural science, but he wants to be a minister. He expects to graduate this spring and go back and work as a "leader of his people."

"We entered the boycott quietly when we heard that the local Coca-Cola Company refused to service certain Negro merchants. They couldn't give away the drinks to us after this. The fact is, we just learned how easy it was to do without Cokes.

"We are even learning to bake our own bread," he said.

I learned later that the branch office of a cleaning firm, located near the college, had closed because students failed to patronize the place. Those who don't do their own cleaning, send their clothes to Columbia. The students are also learning to do without certain brands of potato chips, peanuts and ice cream, particularly those listed with backing of the Citizens' Councils.

Student leaders at the state college are aware of the dangers, so they work carefully among themselves. Their fight against injustice seemingly has been well timed and efficiently organized. Not only have they obtained economic results, but they have also gained sympathy from other schools and other parts of the State. They have screened their top leadership and they work in small groups. They have been careful not to get involved in any matters that might discredit members of the faculty, and they also have guarded against the destruction of property.

"We are not out for publicity or any fan-fare," one of the student leaders said.

On leaving the huge campus, one gets the impression that these young people were carrying on a most effective fight against the Councils, and it was all being done quietly. But one also got the feeling that color was not the only factor being fought by the Councils.

Whites known to sympathize with the Negro's cause have found themselves caught in the grip of the economic vise. A young white man when caught pondering the situation was told by a Negro friend to "Do what we are doing, stand up for a principle."

"I can't afford it," he replied. "I have a family with two small children, and they must eat. If I take a stand now, I'll be sure to lose my job and perhaps get run out of town."

Aid

So far, a lone white man, a Catholic priest, has openly joined the fight with Negroes. He has attended meetings, and taken part in fund raising to aid the victims of the economic squeeze. He has not escaped ridicule, however, even from the local press. Aroused over the results he has been getting, someone wrote his bishop asking that he be removed. In his answer the Bishop rebuked the Citizens' Councils for their activities, calling them "sinful." He in turn commended the priest for working to defeat the practices of racism. As far as I could learn, he is still in the thick of the fight in Orangeburg.

Negro leaders also informed me that

one white merchant in the town has taken a stand against the Citizens' Councils. His position has netted him a large portion of Negro trade. Meanwhile, other merchants, without dropping their Councils' backing, are trying to find means to get Negroes to come back to them. So far, their efforts have been futile.

Behind Scenes

Meanwhile, quietly but effectively, some whites have been working behind the scene to support Negroes in their efforts in Orangeburg. Most of this support has been legal advice.

The fight against the economic squeeze in Orangeburg has not been without sacrifice by Negroes.

"We have taken up mortgages, paid debts for people, and even got jobs for some," said a prominent widow, who is an official of the NAACP. As I talked quietly to this distinguished woman who has been living in the city for the past 40 years, some interesting sidelights, involving pressure, came to light.

"The mayor of this city," she said, "has been right to this door many times. We voted for him in the last election. He rode into office on the balance of power vote we gave him. Yet, he has come here, many times, asking me to take my name off that petition. But I won't," she concluded.

The woman also told how the local newspaper editor has called her home repeatedly requesting statements regarding the NAACP's stand, but that she had refused "knowing that whatever I said would be twisted."

The same woman has received threatening notes telling her to stay away from meetings of the NAACP.

"If you go to another such meeting someone will pick you up from the streets," a recent note read. She turned the note over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI also has other letters sent to Negro leaders.

Negroes in Orangeburg lack the support of the local press, as is true in many pro-segregation areas in the South.

In a recent article appearing in the "Times and Democrat," dated December 11, 1955, headlined "Local NAACP Official Says Life Is Threatened in Note" only brief mention is made concerning the recipient of the note. Most of the article is devoted to quotes from W. T. C. Bates, President of the Orangeburg Citizens' Council, stating his opinions. The trend has been to play down favorable news concerning Negroes and play up that with a negative appeal. The approach has also been to ridicule whites who sympathize with Negroes.

But back of the Orangeburg experience, one senses an even deeper meaning. Such a meaning has far-reaching implications. Here is where the Citizens' Councils have failed to break the spirit of Negroes through pressure tactics. Moreover, the move has served to further intensify their efforts and stiffen their resistance. For the first time, it seems Negroes were thrown into a situation where they had to join forces to survive. Their initiative has gained for them sympathy from other parts of the state, and over the South.

Progress Stifled

As I drove out of this little Southern town one Sunday evening, I trembled at the very idea of how damaging economic pressure could be; how the South, through ignorance and prejudice, has for many years stifled much of its own progress through use of such a method. The fact that economic pressure can work many ways makes it impossible to explore all the cases involved. There are

"Believe me when I say Florida cannot afford an orgy of race conflict and discord. I have talked to many here and in other regions of the United States now poised preparatory to making substantial investments in Florida. Nothing will turn these investors away quicker than the prospect of finding here communities hepped up by demagoguery and seething under the tension and turmoil of race hatred."—Governor LeRoy Collins of Florida.

many, no doubt, which never come to the surface as the Orangeburg situation has. These which have become known, came about because there was a different kind of leadership to set a case in motion. The bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, is an example. Here, Negroes possess the kind of leadership willing to strike back. They are doing it, not with violence, but with passive resistance, and their efforts are effective. They are fighting back through peaceful means, working out their problems within the framework of established American institutions.

In Mississippi, where local boycotts are ineffectual, they are taking their economic means out of the state. One bank alone in Memphis has received close to a million dollars in funds from those in Mississippi. Hundreds, living nearer to the state line of Mississippi and Tennessee, find it more convenient to do their shopping in Memphis. One businessman in the state has liquidated most of his holdings of almost $200,000 and made investments elsewhere. Many areas of Mississippi, South Carolina, and Georgia are losing some of their best talent, the more productive elements of the population, to other parts of the country.

Although many of their members are church-going people, the "respectable" business people of the community, the Citizens' Councils are no different from other hate groups whose objectives are to confuse, distort and condition the thinking of people against Negroes. The Councils have become the backers of political leaders. Their tactics still follow the rules of the old lynch mob, except today, the dirty work is done behind closed doors.

A reporter on the Birmingham News (September, 1954) describes the Citizens' Councils in these words:

"A refined descendant of the Ku Klux Klan is riding again in the South to protect Dixie's school system from the United States Court.

"This time there are no bed sheet robes, no violence thus far, and none of the ritual mumbo-jumbo of the night riders of the Reconstruction era.

"In place of the bull whips, the new Citizens' Councils have substantial economic pressure to handle what they term agitators —both white and Negro—who think the Supreme Court way rather than the Southern way of segregation."

Those who promote mob rule often become victims of their own creations. There are moral and social implications which outweight the evil inherent in anti-racial and anti-religious organizations. Economic pressure used against minorities has no basis for survival. And history has a way of repeating itself. Hate groups "contain the seeds of their own destruction." Economic pressure, in a dynamic social order, has a habit of cutting both ways.

Industrial Progress at Stake

A Letter by Douglas Smith in the Arkansas Gazette

There may not seem at first glance to be any connection between the efforts of Arkansas to obtain new industries and its efforts to solve the school integration problem. But I think there is an important connection and that more thought ought to be given to it.

It is not that the average industrialist in the North and East has any strong feelings about Negroes, one way or the other. I doubt that he does, any more than the average citizen outside the South. He probably has little social contact with Negroes, but the thought that they are not entitled to equal rights probably never has occurred to him.

But he is interested strongly, when considering the establishment of a new plant, in the stability of the society and the government and the general attitudes of the people in a region which is new to him.

And he has a big nation in which to choose. It should not be supposed in the South that only the Southern states are making strong efforts to attract industry. Every state in the Union is doing it, some of them spending far more money in their efforts than would be possible for Arkansas.

Does anyone really think that the kind of industrialist Arkansas wants and needs is going to be attracted to a state where there is a prospect of years of turmoil and expensive litigation before it decides how its public schools are going to be operated? The fly-by-night sweatshop operator would not be concerned about such matters, of course, because he doesn't care what kind of atmosphere he is in so long as he has cheap labor and a free tax ride.

But any community which thinks this kind of "industry" is a blessing is due for a sad awakening.

I have been away from Arkansas too long to know how the people feel about integration of the public schools, but I can imagine there is a good deal of opposition to it in some parts of the state. That was anticipated, obviously, in the Supreme Court order, which allowed for a slow and gradual process of integration. But to talk of a refusal even to begin the process and to smoke the opium of the "interpositionists" is something else again. The years of friction, turmoil and waste of the taxpayer's money that such a course would entail would make Arkansas unattractive to even the potential tourist, much less a responsible industrialist who is seeking a peaceful, orderly place in which to establish a plant.

The campaign to attract industry to Arkansas has made a splendid start. It would be a tragedy if its efforts were nullified by other actions which made it appear that the people of Arkansas are not mature enough for it to share in the orderly prosperity our nation is enjoying.

DESEGREGATION IN OKLAHOMA

By OTIS DURANT DUNCAN

Except for the appearance of a few all-Negro villages (concerning the origin of which no one is exactly sure), Oklahoma had no racial segregation of Negroes prior to Statehood in 1907. These Negro settlements may have appeared spontaneously after the Civil War when the slaves were freed without much of an effort by the Federal Government to habilitate them. Some of the Indian tribes were friendly toward the freedmen while others were relatively hostile. Under the territorial governments (1889 to 1907) there was no segregation of the races. Moreover, both Negroes and white women voted in free democratic elections until Statehood disfranchised them temporarily.

The admission of Oklahoma as a sovereign state of the Union revived some of the southern heritage, former Arkansans and Texans numbering heavily in the population. The southern influence was strong enough to inject legal segregation in only three respects, education, transportation, and marriage. The Oklahoma state law still forbids a Negro to marry any person except another Negro, although there was no such prohibition under territorial and pre-territorial laws. Quasilegal segregation appeared in the form of restrictive covenants, although it was directed against different races in different areas. The all-Negro villages, by charter or by covenant, forbade whites to own land in them. In other towns Negroes cannot own property, and in still others there was not even residential segregation until recently. Even then, it originated in economics and in contracts, primarily. Incidentally, where residential segregation was not practiced, as in the older parts of Muskogee, Negro shacks and "shot gun" houses were virtually unknown.

Of course, restaurants, swimming pools, hotels, parks, libraries, art galleries, public assemblies, educational associations, athletic organizations and the like, adopted segregation policies in conformity with southern traditions at the moment when the State initiated Jim Crowism in schools, public conveyances, and marriage. Probably the most stubborn of all barriers to desegregation in Oklahoma, except the marriage restriction, will prove to be the swimming pool, especially when privately owned. It seems to be the heart of some of the most deeply rooted racial prejudices. (However, Oklahoma City has announced an end to segregation in its City-owned pools.) As everyone knows, clandestine marriages and sexual cohabitation of white men and Negro women have traditionally been too common in the South to provoke comment, except when outsiders questioned them.

Oklahoma's educational segregation law proved to be a fiscal guarantee for Negro children which had few parallels anywhere. Candidly, its greatest evil was not in robbing Negroes of schools but in pampering and over-indulgence with-

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in the paternalistic segregation pattern. This law does not exclusively segregate Negroes in education. It states that whichever race (white or Negro) may happen to comprise a minority of the population of a school district shall be given a "separate school," and the school board members shall be of the majority race. (Theoretically, a white school would be under a Negro board, if Negroes were to achieve a majority of the population in a school district.)

The law further provides that the majority school is to be supported by a local district tax (as well as from state appropriations, excise taxes, etc.), while the separate schools in each county are to be supported by a county-wide general property tax (supplemented by other state revenues). The proceeds of this tax for separate schools were divided among the several separate schools (if there were several) according to scholastic population. In addition, all buildings for separate schools were paid for by county-wide bond issues. Yet, the revenues thus derived had to be turned over to the school boards (in independent districts) for administration. The funds thus earmarked were often extravagantly munificent, enabling the separate school to have lavish buildings while its majority school neighbor might be writhing in the agonies of insufficient school housing.

Delaying Action

Parenthetically, when it finally became apparent to the average person that desegregation was only "around the corner," the whites staged a brave delaying action by voting bonds to build better schoolhouses for Negro than they could have for their own children. Around 1947 to 1950, Oklahoma literally "broke out in a rash" of bond voting for the construction of "separate but superior" minority schools, which on a county basis always meant schools for Negroes.

This school finance law would be ancient history, since it was repealed by popular referendum in 1955, except for the vague possibility that the question of titles to separate school buildings remains in doubt, as does also the right of recovery of operating surpluses on July 1, 1955. It appears that the school districts have won the custody of any surplus operating funds remaining when the new school law became effective. The general opinion is that the school districts will be able to retain custody of the separate school buildings by default, if by no other more positive decision. At any rate, Oklahoma's "screwy" separate school finance law stands repealed. There are no separate schools. The issue now begins to revolve around the matter of employment rights of Negro teachers, old and new. But that is a new question.

Oklahoma has only one institution of higher learning for Negroes, Langston University. For years accrediting associations steadfastly refused it accreditation. Admittedly, the State had not made the university (an euphemistic appellation *ad absurdum*, since there was no school of law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, forestry, nor of graduate schools) accreditable. However, the Fisher and the McLaurin cases had barely begun to attract attention when Langston University became an accredited institution, and when it had not added a single new facility, for the lack of which its accreditation long had been withheld. Thus, a second attempt to stay the march toward desegregation came into being, but only to turn out abortively, as later developments proved.

Largely by the instigation of this writer, the Southwestern Sociological So-

ciety was induced to invite Negro sociologists to participate in its activities. Some of the Texas members demurred, but they were outnumbered by other Texans who were favorable. So, on Good Friday, 1946, Negro sociologists, about six of them, met with the Southwestern Sociological Society at the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth, where there was also a convention of Texas cattle barons. Eyes of the barons bulged when they saw what happened. Two years later the same hotel refused to allow Negro members to enter its elevators.

Academic Group

Simultaneously, with the assistance of a colleague from the field of chemistry, this same writer importuned the Oklahoma Academy of Science to accept Negro members. It did. A year later, Dr. S. P. Massie, then of Langston University but now at Fisk University, was the secretary-treasurer of the Academy, a position he held for three years, and then became its president. That was probably the first and only time a Negro has held such a position in a nonsegregated southwestern academic group of any kind.

While this was going on, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher was waging a legal battle to enter the law school of the University of Oklahoma. She was partly victorious. The Supreme Court ruled that the State of Oklahoma must provide her with a law school education, whereupon a law school, with three white professors, was set up for her in the rotunda of the State Capitol. This did not last for several reasons. Mrs. Fisher's enthusiasm for it was not great. Perhaps her preparation to study law was insufficient, and the Oklahoma lawyers were not enthusiastic. Then, George W. McLaurin was well on the way to a court decision requiring Oklahoma to grant him entrance to a graduate school. The court decided in favor of McLaurin. Since no one could create a graduate school in the rotunda of the State Capitol, the implication was obvious.

The boards of institutions of higher learning, the board of regents of higher education, deans of graduate schools, college presidents, and other officials met to formulate a resolution to dispose of the McLaurin case, as well as of others expected to follow it. The conference recommended that (1) there should be no attempt to develop a graduate school at Langston University, not only because of the smallness of the institution, but also because of the doubtful future which the university itself might experience, and (2) the existing graduate schools would accept qualified Negro graduate students residing in Oklahoma. It was feared that neighboring southern states would flood the two principal graduate schools with Negroes unless they took some precaution against such a potential eventuality.

The legislature then met and passed a law to permit Negroes to enter the graduate schools of the heretofore white colleges and to enter undergraduate courses not offered at Langston University, "but only on a segregated basis." Pretty soon, national magazines were displaying pictures of G. W. McLaurin in classes at the University of Oklahoma, peeking in from behind screens and cloakrooms. Norman, the site of the University of Oklahoma, had always been a "white" town, and had once enjoyed the reputation of having a "sundown curfew" for Negroes. But McLaurin lived in Oklahoma City only twenty miles away. So, he spent much of his time shuttling back and forth and keeping behind a tree, a post, a half open door, or some other prescribed segregating instrumentality.

By 1948, Negro students were appear-

ing at both the major college campuses in Oklahoma. At Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, the administration observed that the legislature had neglected to define clearly the penalties for violating its liberalized segregation law. Then, someone thought of the law of physics which segregates all physical objects — no two bodies can occupy the same space at the same time. All laws literally ceased to restrict Negroes at Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. Dining halls, cafeterias, libraries, and dormitories opened their doors. There has never been a record of the racial composition of students. Only in the barber shop, operated by private concession in the Student Union, does any question of campus segregation remain. The 1955 law has made segregation illegal, and the putative law school at the State Capitol has vanished so long ago that few college students can now remember it.

There are still quirks of law in Oklahoma which have not been clarified. For example, the statutes forbid a privately owned or endowed school to accept Negro students, unless it maintains a separate branch for them. That law has been neither attacked nor repealed. The private institutions are now beginning to ignore it. Only in the fall of 1955, did the board of regents of Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, by a split vote, decide to admit Negro students beginning with the spring semester of 1956.

Little Opposition

Likewise, integration proceeds sporadically in spots but with little opposition in the public schools. During the first week of February, Cushing, Oklahoma, announced that a Negro teacher in that community had been assigned to teach driver education in all the schools. Within two days he had acquired twenty white pupils. Numerous Negro schools have had to forfeit athletic contests during the academic year 1955-56 because their students were being absorbed into the white schools. The Negro and white high school athletic associations are being fused rapidly, and probably will be unable to operate separately after the 1955-56 scholastic year.

Merger

In August of 1955, the Oklahoma Teachers' Association (Negro) voted to accept an invitation to merge with the Oklahoma Educational Association (white) as soon as it can liquidate its business.

There is no organized group in Oklahoma devoted to the obstruction of the integration program. Each new issue meets with a more or less feeble protest which soon dies. The Oklahoma election law requiring a Negro candidate's name to carry the word "Negro" opposite his name on a ballot is in its dying gasps. The bus drivers and railroad conductors began ignoring Jim Crow regulations long before the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Occasionally, white restaurants accept Negro patrons, even if on special occasions.

Oklahoma's Negro population has never equaled one tenth of the total. It is now probably not more than five per cent. In many areas, schools and churches, both weak, are the only neighborhood institutional bonds Negroes have left. They seldom have movies. Doctors, dentists, lawyers, bankers, and other professional classes, save the preacher and the teacher, are utterly lacking in all but a mere half dozen or so Negro residential areas. Now it is not unusual to hear Negroes vainly pleading that their schools be saved. Negroes are beginning to attend white churches —

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often in face of resentment from other Negroes. The ordinary Negro of the domestic laboring class is quite restive. He is increasingly aware of the fact that when his school vanishes, when his church goes white, and when he must accept white standards in growing frequency he faces a painful adjustment. As a school board member, this writer knows the meaning of being forced to administer the *coup de grace* to a mortally sick social institution while staring at the imploring expression in its terror-stricken eyes.

Yet, there is no other course. Even if society in conscience can tolerate the ignominees of segregation, it cannot abide its diseconomies and its *divisiveness* in the face of a world already anxious to be the pallbearers of this nation. If Oklahoma has moved more rapidly toward desegregation that most other states, it is because its problems are simpler. The people of Oklahoma worship no tradition, except the tradition of having no well defined traditions. While that has its disadvantages in some respects, it facilitates certain social adjustments. No one is more thankful than the people of Oklahoma that the University of Alabama's experience could not happen in Oklahoma.

Progress Slowed

Reprinted from *Newsweek*

The Southward migration of U. S. industry may slow considerably if tension continues to mount over the segregation issue.

One major company has already closed its Southern plant; other companies considering a southward move are having a second thought.

The most recent cause for caution: Reports of a scattered boycott by white customers against companies believed to be "antisegregation."

Sales of one brand of beer in Mississippi have declined since a publication called The White Sentinel reported the brewer was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (The truth: The brewer merely gave a membership to one of its Negro salesmen.) Sales are still down in several Southern states despite a flying trip by a company delegation to clear up the situation.

Some auto dealers in Alabama, Mississippi, and South Carolina claim that they are losing business because of similar charges made against their company.

Several Southern wholesalers canceled orders for a brand of cigarettes because of alleged donations to the NAACP by the manufacturer.

At least a dozen major, blue-chip companies have been accused of one thing or another, although most of the damage has been done to local businessmen in the South who have run afoul of the vague accusations and rumors that feed the boycott "movement."

The prevailing tactic for the victims: Don't dignify the boycotters by recognizing them.

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Noteworthy quotes from the press and periodicals

"Our success in combating Communism may depend on our ability to rally the rest of the world to our cause. It seems doubtful that this can be accomplished by military and economic aid alone. Such aid will also be forthcoming from the other side. What the other side cannot offer is freedom and justice. It cannot offer the American Dream, which has charmed the world for almost 200 years. The decision of the Supreme Court holding segregation in the schools unconstitutional has done as much to reawaken faith in America as all the money and guns we have given other countries since the war. For the purpose of gaining the adherence of the people of the earth in the struggle with Communism the moral force of America is as important as her military and economic power."—Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic.

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"(Interposition) makes me think of a course in English literature and a line from Shakespeare: 'A tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing'."—A Texas student of government.

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"Our traditional concept of freedom includes 'spiritual' freedom which translated into modern terms, means freedom to develop all facets of personality, limited only by the individual's capacity to respond to training. This freedom of the individual to realize his full potential (spiritual, intellectual, cultural and economic) must be accompanied by responsibility for recognition that others have these same rights. No individual or class can be secure in their own freedom if it is possible in the society to deny freedom unjustly to another individual or class."—Dr. Erie I. Darnall, consulting psychologist, Dallas, Texas.

"Love will be returned for hate, nonviolence will be returned for violence. This (Montgomery bus boycott) isn't just a fight for Negroes. It is a fight for justice and democracy."—Dr. Martin Luther King, Ph.D., pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

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". . . why should the respected businessmen and civic leaders in communities throughout the state (Mississippi) continue to support a movement (the Citizens' Councils) which can lead only to more criticism of Mississippi? Why should these leaders continue to sanctify the words and actions of the red-faced arm wavers by defending the organization they hide behind?"—Jay Milner in the Greenville, Mississippi, *Delta-Democrat*.

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". . . when citizens or states or congressmen or presidents are in disagreement as to the meaning of the Constitution, who is to decide — the complainants or the court? Is the nation to take the verdict of 19 Senators or 81 Congressmen in place of the verdict of the Supreme Court? . . . If the Court was exercising proper jurisdiction in finding that 'separate but equal' doctrine was compatible with the 14th Amendment, it is exercising proper jurisdiction in reversing that finding. We may or may not approve the reversal, but it has the same sanction of the law as the previous ruling unless we are to embrace the doctrine that we need only support the court when we like what it does."—Roscoe Drummond.

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4/20-21

May 4, 1956

HCF:

I note and excerpt from the Minutes the fact that the Committee (cordially) agreed to inviting Mr. Constable to future meetings of the Committee.

It was the sense of the Executive Committee that at subsequent meetings it would welcome Mr. Constable's presence.

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May 14, 1956

Mr. Rufus Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

In working through the final draft of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee April 20-21, I discover again the language on the last page, under the heading "other business." Mention is made of the passing of the motion that you would name a committee to investigate the needs for fund-raising and public relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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THE FUTURE OF SRC

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C.H. PARRISH

The future of SRC would seem to center around Program, Organization, and Financing with priority being given to these items in the order of their listing.

Two questions to be considered in connection with program are:

What is the unique role of SRC as presently constituted?
Is there any need for SRC? Or more precisely - Will there be a need for SRC after the period of the grant from FFR?

Perhaps it would be fitting to say that what is unique about SRC is not what it does but how it does it. Ours is an integrated approach. We have in the past combined in various degrees advocacy, professional service and research. For the most part the emphasis has been on advocacy. We have urged equality of opportunity and we now urge compliance with the law of the land. We will have fulfilled our unique mission, however, if we can'sell' the integrated approach. We are in a better position than anyone else to promote this approach because we have been working at it longer than anyone else. Our future depends upon the extent to which we can incorporate this experience into a body of technical knowledge and thus make available to the South a much needed professional service. Our major function would be that of imparting to others the skills we have acquired. We are not staffed for research but we have a continuing function of disseminating the findings of other research workers. Under appropriate conditions our files should be available to responsible social scientists for research purposes.

Assuming the realization of the ideal of twelve financially secure, autonomous State organizations dedicated to the achievement of SRC goals, it is difficult to see the need for anything more than a skeletal regional organization to serve as a sort of clearing house that would facilitate communication among the affiliated groups. Even if this ideal is not reached, any movement toward it would involve a corresponding reduction of SRC staff and budget.

The prospect is not bright for financial support that would make the State organizations independent of help from outside their borders. It is unrealistic to expect memberships and individual contributions of small sums by many people to be nearly enough to keep State organizations going. Sizeable donations in "hard core" States will almost invariably turn out to be bribes to get us to turn aside from the school segregation controversy. Local financial support for the SRC program would appear to be in inverse relationship to Need. On the other hand, in a few states where the political atmosphere is more congenial to our purposes, effective State councils may be taken over and operated at public expense. This would be an extension into the South of the pattern of official recognition and backing of human relations programs. In any event SRC would have to look to outside foundation support for its continued existence.

If SRC demonstrated its ability to provide the unique professional service which will be in great demand throughout the South during the next few years, there should be no great difficulty in getting the necessary funds. This is the task before us.

G.S. ALEXANDER

Reasons for continued existence

There are a number of reasons that could be advanced for the continued existence of SRC. First of all there seems to be a definite need for the Council in the supervision and coordination of activities of the several State affiliates. As it now stands SRC furnishes the hub of communications between the State Councils. The need for effective communications in any organization cannot be overstressed. There is also a need for some central point where information can be disseminated and chanelled to the different State organizations. There is also a definite need for research which can best be performed by SRC on the regional level.

It is my conviction that the State affiliates would function less efficiently without the present services that are being offered by the staff of SRC. These services mentioned above, I think, can best be performed by a central office rather than on a limited scale by the separate State affiliates.

Financial Support

However, in order for the central office to continue on its present level a very difficult financial problem presents itself. Ways and means for providing financial support for the program of the Council would have to be given serious consideration by the members and staff.

HAROLD FLEMING

I think it would be useful for the Executive Committee to consider the main alternatives confronting the SRC after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic's grant. One formulation might be:

1. Liquidation.

2. Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of direct field servicing of State organizations.

3. Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of information -- i.e., publications, information center for press, other agencies, and State affiliates.

4. Continuation at present level of operation, retaining all functions.

5. Continuation with expanded functions.

Need

It seems to me unquestionable that the SRC on something like its present scale will be needed for a minimum of three years beyond the anticipated end of Fund help. We will be lucky if by October 1957 most of the State groups are able to continue effectively on their own. It would be over-optimistic to hope that they would be strong enough collectively to maintain a regional office. It would also be over-optimistic, in my opinion, to hope that they would continue effectively without a regional office. Those in the lower South will particularly still need not only the practical help of the regional office, but also the psychological support of feeling themselves a part of a Southwide movement. Left on their own, communication between the States would soon break down and the weaker and more embattled organizations would wither away. The stronger groups -- mostly those in the more advanced States -- might well survive; but the most difficult areas would be left unserviced.

Another point: There is plenty of evidence that the other side is consolidating its strength across State lines. Witness the inter-State spread of the White Citizens' Councils, the efficient communication between the various Southern hate groups, Senator Eastland's proposal for a regional commission to "tell the South's story." These people see well enough the strength that comes of regionwide coordination and they will be pushing hard for it in the next few years. This kind of solidarity among the pro-segregation forces can't be effectively countered on a State-by-State basis. It calls for a regional instrument -- namely, SRC.

Noteworthy, too, that one aim of Eastland's proposal is to propagandize the Jim Crow version of the "South's story" at the national level. Again, only a regional group can offset this kind of propaganda aimed at a national audience.

Realities

It's easy to promote the continuing need for SRC in vacuo. Clearly, however, there are practical obstacles -- notably financial. In addition to the current fund-raising effort, the Executive Committee might begin planning some activities for the last grant year that would spread awareness of the need for a continuing SRC. Examples:

1. One or more conferences of leading people in the State organizations to explore the question of whether and how SRC is to continue.

2. A carefully staged meeting of New York philanthopoids (The New Yorker's word for foundation people.)

3. Consultation with friendly agencies, church groups, labor people, etc., aimed at involving them in the problem.

Nothing new about these ideas, but given the critical stage of Southern transition and an impending demise of SRC, they might produce some results. A lot of these people, who now take SRC for granted as a Fund project, might be startled into some kind of fruitful concern. While we wouldn't want to make such approaches too early, planning should proceed during the next year.

Conclusion

At the moment, it is my conviction that SRC should either be continued on at least its present scale or be frankly liquidated. I don't think we can go back. To limp along on a much-curtailed basis would, I think, be self-defeating in terms of both morale and financial support. Moreover, I believe efforts to continue the SRC should be based on the overt recognition that it will probably have to be largely subsidized for the duration of its life by sizable grants from outside the South. We can realistically hope for indigenously supported State groups within the next three to five years. But I doubt that it is realistic to hope for an indigenously supported regional organization too.

FRED ROUTH

The decade now ending has been a period of accelerated change for the South; SRC has played an important role in assisting the region and its people to adjust to this change. Recently SRC has completed the first phase of a vastly expanded program in the South; the setting up of human relations agencies in the twelve States of the area. These agencies have needed considerable aid and assistance from the central office, not only financially, bur organizationally and program-wise as well. Today and tomorrow these organizations face and will face the necessity of assisting communities in their respective States to meet the challenge of desegregation and integration. They, along with religious, educational, and business institutions and organized labor, have looked and will continue to look to SRC for guidance.

Thus, the first question to be answered by any organization which asks, "What of the future?" has received an affirmative reply. Is there a need for the continued services of the Southern Regional Council? YES! If the past decade can be referred to as the "decade of accelerated change" the coming decade may well be referred to as the "era of jet-propelled transition." And the needs of the State organizations, the region, and the people for constructive guidance will be multiplied not lessened. The South is well on its way back into the main stream of the nation's life. There are strong forces however, out of the past, which work to keep the South isolated.

The Council would be grossly negligent, indeed foolhardy, if it fails to assist the forces of progress in the South in the coming decade. Its program must be expanded, not constricted nor terminated, if we are to work out constructive transition.

At the time that the grant from the Fund for the Republic expires we may expect that desegregation in the schools will be well under way in some of the Southern States but it is almost beyond hope that much change will have taken place in Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina. Georgia or Mississippi. There will be work still to be done by a regional office to assist the State organizations to help bring about compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

The trend of the recent Supreme Court decisions is toward holding un-Constitutional the expenditure of public funds for segregated facilities or services. I.C.C. rulings demand non-segregation in inter-State transportation and in terminal and depot facilities. The President's Committee on Government

Contracts is working to end discrimination and segregation in all plants which have contracts with the federal government. Organized labor is united as never before and this gigantic force is seeking an end to discrimination and segregation in its locals. As big business and industry move into the South new demands for conformity to the national pattern will be felt even now.

The demands for change on the part of the South are multiplying; they are many times what they were only months ago. To assist the South and its people through this period of transition there is a need for an integrated organization which has had experience in assisting social change and has earned the confidence of both white and colored people.

There is in the South today only one organization which meets all of these requirements: The Southern Regional Council. A joint planning committee composed of representatives of the Board, the central staff, the State staffs, and competent social scientists should sit down together to examine the needs of the South in the continuing adjustment and to plan how the Council may help fill those needs. Its future must not rest on the continuation of funds from one source, no matter how generous. A well organized, far-seeing Finance Committee is a must. A professionally competent program planning committee is a must. An adequate professional consultant service is a must. A well-trained professional staff is a must. A dedicated Board of Directors is a must.

If the Council really cares about the South of the future toward which it has worked, then it has work yet to do. Let it never be claimed that the leaders of SRC said, as did Louis XV,

"Pres moi le deluge."

MRS. DOROTHY TILLY

The future of the Southern Regional Council as to finances seems dark -- but the future is bright with challenging opportunities and most definitely with direct responsibilities of SRC to help the South through the difficult days of adjusting itself to the inevitable enforcement of the Supreme Court decisions.

Never has there been more need of SRC then there will be in the next few years. To retrench would amount almost to betrayal of our section and of those organizations and individuals who have, through the years, sought direction from it.

Poor indeed will the South be without SRC with the field left to a Regional setup of the Citizens' Council.

I believe a Finance Committee, really feeling the seriousness of the situation in the South (the defiance of the supreme law of the land, the fear, intimidation, and terror engendered by the Citizens' Councils) and seeing in the situation the opportunities and challenges to the SRC could speak so convincingly they would secure the funds needed.

Needs

1. The State Councils will not be able to stand alone in another year or so without a coordinated and directing Central agency. Therefore, the Central office needs to be strengthened by both staff and space.

2. Yearly conferences of several days for each of the following South-wide groups. Leaders in the field of Social Sciences, Church Women, heads of denominational Boards of Education.

3. We should face the fact that our publications, for the most part, reach only those whose social conscience is already quickened. However , these will continue to need something like New South. There should be found some way to reach the masses so easily persuaded by the propaganda of such organizations as the Citizens' Council. Simple factual material tied up some way with their Bible Belt South, I believe could be just as effective as Talmadge's Statesman, etc. This too calls for more finances, but if it can be done -- it will strenthen the appeal for funds. (Talmadge spent one half million on trying to extend the County unit system to general elections. The other side $13,000 and won.)

George Mitchell says we should plan for three further years, after the expiry of the help from the Fund for the Republic, which occurs in September 1957. His plan contemplates three years of further modest aid to some of the States, and continuance on a reduced basis of the most essential services of a central office.

Argument on the States runs as follows. In 1957 we shall be aiding the States on a level of $8,500 for each State. Each will run to a total budget of over $15,000. After 1957 there will be some of the States which in all likelihood could not carry on in reasonable strength unless they had some extra help. SRC would be free of any commitment to help all the States alike, and could put help on the States that would need it most. How many? Say six. How much? Say an average of $6,000 each. Call it $35,000 of annual subsidy to State organizations, on a minimum basis; and $50,000 of annual subsidy on a reasonable basis.

On the central office, certain services would have to be saved. You should keep up an interchange through an organ like New South. You need a paymaster, by title a Secretary-Treasurer. You would have to have at least one man traveling out to the States a great deal; ideally a combination administration and program man. New South lives by having someone to collect information, that gets called a Director of Research. You would need two and probably three clerks. And you would need some sort of Director. In a budget, for minimum and for reasonable, it looks like this:

Possible Budget for
Southern Regional Council

Typical Year 1957 et seq.

States	Minimum	Reasonable
For subsidy	35,000	50,000
Central Office		
Salaries		
Executive Director	8,000	10,000
Secretary	3,500	3,500
Secretary-Treasurer	4,000	5,000
Director of Information	7,000	7,500
Director of Research	7,500	5,000
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Field Man	7,000	7,500
	37,000	43,800
Travel	5,000	8,000
Rent	1,200	1,500
Supplies	1,000	1,200
Telephone & telegraph	1,200	1,500
Postage	800	1,000
Printing	10,000	10,000
Social Security	1,200	1,400
Miscellaneous	500	500
	57,700	68,900
Total, Central Office	58,000	69,000
Total, Central Office & State	93,000	119,000

In three years,
Central Office and State

Minimum	279,000	-	280,000
Reasonable	357,000	-	360,000

How do you get together such sums?

By all experience, there is something that the staff can raise by friendships of the past. I would estimate this as follows:

(1958-60)
Per Year

From Churches	10,000
From Labor	10,000
Subscriptions to New South	15,000
Individual Gifts	1,000
Sale of Literature	1,000
Honoraria	1,000
Total	38,000

Annually, on the minimum budget of $93,000, this leaves $55,000 to be raised by a finance committee.

On the reasonable budget, it leaves $81,000 to be raised annually by a finance committee.

If you go on a three year basis:

Minimum budget:

Needed - 3 years
$280,000
Staff to raise
$114,000
Balance, finance committee
$166,000

Reasonable budget:

Needed - 3 years
$357,000
Staff to raise
$114,000
Balance, finance committee
$243,000

All of which is to say that three more years would cost on a mimimum basis, say $165,000 more than is in sight; and on a reasonable basis, $240,000 more than is in sight.

WHAT THE SUPREME COURT SAID...

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The School Segregation Decisions, with an Analysis by Prof. Robert A. Leflar

WHAT THE COURT REALLY SAID

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THE most striking feature of the May 31 decision is the unanimity of the court. As with the decision handed down a year ago, there is left no room for difference of opinion. This is the law.

Five key terms in the opinion give its real meaning. Four are in plain non-legal English. They are "good faith," "practical flexibility," "prompt and reasonable start" and "deliberate speed."

The other is "equitable principles," which has reference to the somewhat technical but broadly fair and reasonable procedures traditionally followed in courts of equity. To lawyers, the two cases cited by the court in footnotes will go far to clarify this technical reference.

These simple phrases set the tone of the opinion itself and of what is to be required under it.

The decision comes closer to the position taken in argument by the southern white lawyers and attorneys general than to the arguments of NAACP counsel and of Solicitor General Sobeloff for the Department of Justice. The absence of deadlines and other detailed requirements is in this respect the difference.

But the court's clear statement that all contradictory state constitutional provisions and enactments are unconstitutional was requested by NAACP counsel and by Solicitor General Sobeloff, and all parties were agreed in urging that the cases be remanded to the district courts for implementation rather than controlled by the Supreme Court itself.

The court might have required more rigorous and immediate compliance with the constitutional principles announced a

year ago but the procedure now prescribed may encourage ultimate compliance with less public disturbance than might have ensued had the court's orders been more drastic.

The law prohibiting segregation in public schools is now clear. It may be assumed that many school districts will obey the law with reasonable promptness and without litigation. The judicial procedures prescribed by the Supreme Court will never have to be applied to them. But in some states and communities litigation will be a condition to compliance.

A great deal of such litigation must be anticipated. Defendants, for the most part, probably will be seeking delay rather than ultimate victory, so that delay will be their victory.

In the following questions and answers, an effort is made to deal briefly, without legal technicalities, with the principal problems that are being raised with reference to the May 31 decision.

1. To what extent is this decision binding on school districts other than the five which are parties to the decision.

A. Only as the decision is "the law of the land." Separate new proceedings will have to be brought against each non-complying district.

2. Does the Supreme Court decision apply only to grade schools and high schools?

A. No. It applies to all state-supported educational institutions. This would include state universities, colleges, junior colleges, trade and vocational schools, specialized schools such as those for the deaf, dumb and blind, etc.

3. Does the Supreme Court decision have any application to private schools?

A. No. Except as private schools may be actually sponsored by the state, thus constituting an evasive form of state schools rather than bona fide private schools. But a state law requiring segregation in private schools is clearly unconstitutional.

4. If a school district is ready and willing to desegregate its schools, what is the next step for it to take?

A. It should comply with "the law of the land" at the earliest possible date.

5. If a school district is ready and willing to desegregate but is deterred by state law or pressure from outside the district, what is its legal position?

A. No state law requiring or permitting segregation in public schools is now valid. The Supreme Court is very specific about that. The school district may disregard such unconstitutional enactments. No further legal proceedings are necessary to establish their invalidity. As to outside pressures, they may affect public funds available for school purposes.

6. What is the legal position of a school district which does not want to desegregate?

A. It has the legal power, by ignoring the decision, to delay desegregation until it is forced by legal proceedings to comply with the law.

7. To what extent is a local school board controlled, as to its policy, by state boards or state administrative agencies?

A. This depends upon the law of the particular state and the degree of administrative independence vested by state law in local boards. It remains true, however, that any administrative requirement that segregation be maintained or any rule or regulation which is designed even indirectly to maintain segregation is itself unconstitutional.

8. Is there any procedure where a school board which in good faith wishes to proceed with a plan for desegregation can receive judicial approval of the plan in advance of putting it into effect?

A. There is not. The federal courts are by law authorized to hear and pass only on actual "controversies." They will not hear "moot" cases. There may, however, be some possibility of arranging litigation through "friendly suits."

9. What may happen if a school board is reluctant to comply?

A. Apart from normal public pressures, lawsuits may be brought, but only by persons actually deprived of legal rights by the board's action. In general, this probably means that lawsuits would have to be brought by Negro students or their parents.

10. Will such suits be "class suits?"

In most cases they may be. This means that one suit can represent all Negroes in an entire school district as a "class."

11. Were the cases just decided by the U. S. Supreme Court "class suits?"

A. Apparently not. At least the court in its final paragraph seemed to confine its decision to "the parties in these cases." This presumably does not mean, however, that "class suits" may not be brought, if properly identified as such.

12. In suits hereafter brought in other school districts, what relief will be sought?

A. In most cases, plaintiffs will probably ask for declaratory judgments setting out their rights on the facts proved, to be accompanied by injunctions restraining future violation of these rights. Actions for damages for violation of legal rights are possible but have not often been employed in situations such as these.

13. Does the Supreme Court decision set a pattern for the decision of future cases?

A. Yes, it is a binding precedent substantively, and also indicates the way in which future cases will be handled, procedurally.

14. Does the Supreme Court's May 31 opinion advance or recede from the position taken by the court a year ago?

A. Neither. It reaffirms the 1954 decision, makes it clear that the 1954 decision is "the law of the land" and issues an implementing order to the lower courts in the specific cases

before it. That is all it does.

15. Would it have been possible for the court to be more rigorous in requiring prompt compliance?

A. Certainly. The court has allowed much leeway in details to the federal district courts, which it need not have done. Presumably it will allow similar leeway in future cases that come before it. Undoubtedly, the court chose this non-rigorous course for reasons it deemed to be of vast importance.

16. Is the Supreme Court's decision sufficiently definite that a lower federal court sitting on one case will necessarily be guided by it to the same result as is reached by another federal court sitting on another case?

A. No. Differences in details both as to administrative arrangements and as to timing of desegregation are expressly permitted by the court's decision. But general patterns of decision may be expected to emerge as time goes on.

17. Who has the responsibility for initiating specific plans for compliance with the decision?

A. The officials of each school district. But if and when such plans come before the courts (as in the cases now pending or in future litigation in other districts) the federal courts will have broad supervisory powers, not only to approve or disapprove specific plans submitted to them but also to suggest, discard and select among alternative plans, and ultimately to require submission of an acceptable plan.

18. If a local school board fails or refuses to submit a plan that can be judicially approved, what sanctions may a federal district court apply?

A. Punishment for contempt, which may be either by fine or imprisonment.

19. How detailed must local plans be?

A. That is as yet undecided, but clearly depends on the problems in each community. A plan for complete and immediate integration could be quite brief, with little detail, or it could be detailed and complex.

20. Is a federal district court free to order desegregation in a particular district at any time it thinks proper, for example in September, 1955 or February, 1956?

A. Yes. But the procedure required, whereby the district first submits a plan, will probably preclude any court from acting by September, 1955. And of course, the power of any court to act is limited to parties and cases actually before it.

21. Are the federal district courts permitted to take into account local public opinion in determining what plans they will approve?

A. Not necessarily. It is very clear that public opinion must not be allowed to override the constitutional mandate. But it will be difficult for judges to overlook such opinion in passing upon certain matters which they are expressly authorized to consider in approving the administration and timing of de-

segregation plans.

22. Is it possible that some school districts may submit plans which would permit gerrymandered attendance districts, or circuitous administrative procedures, designed to keep Negro students out of particular schools?

A. It is not only possible but highly probable.

23. Will any federal district court approve such a plan?

A. Some lower courts may do so. Most will not. It can be anticipated that in attendance districts which are not "compact units," student assignment systems that are administered on a racial basis, and similar evasions will all be invalidated eventually and most of them will be invalidated by the first court that deals with them.

24. If such a plan is approved by a district court is Supreme Court reversal assured?

A. If the case gets to the Supreme Court, evasion of the constitutional requirement will surely be struck down. Not all cases automatically go to the Supreme Court, however, whether the Supreme Court reviews a particular case will depend both on how well the case is handled by the lawyers presenting it, and on the crowded condition of the Supreme Court docket.

25. What is the status of Negro teachers now?

A. The Supreme Court does not mention this problem. Under another decision, however, their rights are within the "equal protection of the laws" clause of the constitution. A proved policy of firing Negro teachers and retaining white teachers, on racial grounds, would entitle the Negro teachers to judicial relief.

26. Will the court approve a plan under which Negro children may "voluntarily" waive their right to attend non-segregated schools, and instead continue to attend schools set apart for Negroes?

A. This has not been decided. The matter was dealt with in argument before the Supreme Court, but was not mentioned in the court's opinion. It is therefore left to be dealt with by the district courts in passing on proposed plans.

27. May Congress by legislation supersede the Supreme Court decision, or implement it?

A. The Congress may not lawfully set aside the constitutional requirement announced by the court, but it may enact implementing statutes which could supersede in whole or in part the discretionary authority given to federal district courts as to the timing and administration of desegregation plans.

28. Is it possible that some school districts, or even some entire states, may evade the decision for a substantial future period?

A. Yes. This will be possible until actual litigation is successfully concluded against such law violators. The ultimate

outcome of such litigation is certain, but various factors may delay initiation of lawsuits and may delay them procedurally after they are initiated.

29. Is there any way in which the electors of a school district, or other local or state taxing authorities, can be compelled to levy adequate taxes to support non-segregated public schools?

A. There may not be. But the courts may restrain the unconstitutional use of public funds that are expended for educational purposes, if any are so expended.

30. Does the Supreme Court's decision affect the validity of state legislation and plans for current construction or improvement of "separate but equal" school facilities for the use of Negro students?

A. Racial limitations which are expressly or by clear implication made a part of these programs are clearly unconstitutional. If however an educational facility will be available for any use the school authorities may make of it, the construction or improvement as such presumably will not be invalid, but only the racial limitation on its use.

31. What is the status now of plans in some of the southern states for abolition of public schools and for state aid to private schools or to pupils attending them?

A. These plans will presumably be held in abeyance, at least until actual litigation in specific cases proceeds to the point where specific school districts, or a substantial number of districts in a state, are in fact being forced to desegregate. At that point, now obviously somewhat delayed, these plans may again be brought forward.

32. How many federal district courts are there? And where are they?

A. There is at least one federal district court in each state. Some states have two or more. Each district has at least one federal judge. Some districts have more than one judge. In each district there may be two or more "divisions," with the court sitting first in one division then in another. The divisions may be quite small geographically.

THE SCHOOL DECISION

BY

THE U. S. SUPREME COURT

May 17, 1954

Mr. Chief Justice Warren delivered the opinion of the Court.

These cases come to us from the States of Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia, and Delaware. They are premised on different facts and different local conditions, but a common legal question justifies their consideration together in this consolidated opinion.

In each of the cases, minors of the Negro race, through their legal representatives, seek the aid of the courts in obtaining admission to the public schools of their community on a nonsegregated basis. In each instance, they had been denied admission to schools attended by white children under laws requiring or permitting segregation according to race. This segregation was alleged to deprive the plaintiffs of the equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment. In each of the cases other than the Delaware case, a three-judge federal district court denied relief to the plaintiffs on the so-called "separate but equal" doctrine announced by this Court in *Plessy* v. *Ferguson,* 163 U. S. 537. Under that doctrine, equality of treatment is accorded when the races are provided substantially equal facilities, even though these facilities be separate. In the Delaware case, the Supreme Court of Delaware adhered to that doctrine, but ordered that the plaintiffs be admitted to the white schools because of their superiority to the Negro schools.

The plaintiffs contend that segregated public schools are not "equal" and cannot be made "equal," and that hence they are deprived of the equal protection of the laws. Because of the obvious importance of the question presented, the Court took jurisdiction. Argument was heard in the 1952 Term, and reargument was heard this Term on certain questions propounded by the Court.

Reargument was largely devoted to the circumstances surrounding the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment in 1868. It covered exhaustively consideration of the Amendment in Congress, ratification by the states, then existing practices in racial segregation, and the views of proponents and opponents of the Amendment. This discussion and our own investigation convince us that, although these sources cast some light, it is

not enough to resolve the problem with which we are faced. At best, they are inconclusive. The most avid proponents of the post-War Amendments undoubtedly intended them to remove all legal distinctions among "all persons born or naturalized in the United States." Their opponents, just as certainly, were antagonistic to both the letter and the spirit of the Amendments and wished them to have the most limited effect. What others in Congress and the state legislatures had in mind cannot be determined with any degree of certainty.

An additional reason for the inconclusive nature of the Amendment's history, with respect to segregated schools, is the status of public education at that time. In the South, the movement toward free common schools, supported by general taxation, had not yet taken hold. Education of white children was largely in the hands of private groups. Education of Negroes was almost nonexistent, and practically all of the race were illiterate. In fact, any education of Negroes was forbidden by law in some states. Today, in contrast, many Negroes have achieved outstanding success in the arts and sciences as well as in the business and professional world. It is true that public education had already advanced further in the North, but the effect of the Amendment on Northern States was generally ignored in the congressional debates. Even in the North, the conditions of public education did not approximate those existing today. The curriculum was usually rudimentary; ungraded schools were common in rural areas; the school term was but three months a year in many states; and compulsory school attendance was virtually unknown. As a consequence, it is not surprising that there should be so little in the history of the Fourteenth Amendment relating to its intended effect on public education.

In the first cases in this Court construing the Fourteenth Amendment, decided shortly after its adoption, the Court interpreted it as proscribing all state-imposed discriminations against the Negro race. The doctrine of "separate but equal" did not make its appearance in this Court until 1896 in the case of *Plessy* v. *Ferguson, supra,* involving not education but transportation. American courts have since labored with the doctrine for over half a century. In this Court, there have been six cases involving the "separate but equal" doctrine in the field of public education. In *Cumming* v. *County Board of Education,* 175 U. S. 528, and *Gong Lum* v. *Rice,* 275 U. S. 78, the validity of the doctrine itself was not challenged. In more recent cases, all on the graduate school level, inequality was found in that specific benefits enjoyed by white students were denied to Negro students of the same educational qualifications. *Missouri ex rel. Gaines* v. *Canada,* 305 U. S. 337; *Sipuel* v. *Oklahoma State Regents,* 339 U. S. 637. In none of these cases was it necessary to re-examine the doctrine to grant relief

to the Negro plaintiff. And in *Sweatt* v. *Painter, supra,* the Court expressly reserved decision on the question whether *Plessy* v. *Ferguson* should be held inapplicable to public education.

In the instant cases, that question is directly presented. Here, unlike *Sweatt* v. *Painter,* there are findings below that the Negro and white schools involved have been equalized, or are being equalized, with respect to buildings, curricula, qualifications and salaries of teachers, and other "tangible factors. Our decision, therefore, cannot turn on merely a comparison of these tangible factors in the Negro and white schools involved in each of the cases. We must look instead to the effect of segregation itself on public education.

In approaching this problem, we cannot turn the clock back to 1868 when the Amendment was adopted, or even to 1896 when *Plassy* v. *Ferguson* was written. We must consider public education in the light of its full development and its present place in American life throughout the Nation. Only in this way can it be determined if segregation in public schools deprives these plaintiffs of the equal protection of the laws.

Today, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments. Compulsory school attendance laws and the great expenditures for education both demonstrate our recognition of the importance of education to our democratic society. It is required in the performance of our most basic public responsibilities, even service in the armed forces. It is the very foundation of good citizenship. Today it is a principal instrument in awakening the child to cultural values, in preparing him for later professional training, and in helping him to adjust normally to his environment. In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms.

We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other "tangible" factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does.

In *Sweatt* v. *Painter, supra,* in finding that a segregated law school for Negroes could not provide them equal educational opportunities, this Court relied in large part on "those qualities which are incapable of objective measurement but which make for greatness in a law school." In *McLaurin* v. *Oklahoma State Regents, supra,* the Court, in requiring that a Negro admitted to a white graduate school be treated like all other students, again resorted to intangible considerations: ". . . his ability to study, to engage in discussions and exchange views with other students, and, in general, to learn his profession." Such considerations apply with added force to children in

grade and high schools. To separate them from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone. The effect of this separation on their educational opportunities was well stated by a finding in the Kansas case by a court which nevertheless felt compelled to rule against the Negro plaintiffs:

"Segregation of white and colored children in public schools has a detrimental effect upon the colored children. The impact is greater when it has the sanction of the law; for the policy of separating the races is usually interpreted as denoting the inferiority of the Negro group. A sense of inferiority affects the motivation of a child to learn. Segregation with the sanction of law, therefore, has a tendency to retard the educational and mental development of Negro children and to deprive them of some of the benefits they would receive in a racially integrated school system."

Whatever may have been the extent of psychological knowledge at the time of *Plessy* v. *Ferguson*, this finding is amply supported by modern authority. Any language in *Plessy* v. *Ferguson* contrary to this finding is rejected.

We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of "separate but equal" has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal. Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. This disposition makes unnecessary any discussion whether such segregation also violates the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Because these are class actions, because of the wide applicability of this decision, and because of the great variety of local conditions, the formulation of decrees in these cases presents problems of considerable complexity. On reargument, the consideration of appropriate relief was necessarily subordinated to the primary question — the constitutionality of segregation in public education. We have now announced that such segregation is a denial of the equal protection of the laws. In order that we may have the full assistance of the parties in formulating decrees, the cases will be restored to the docket, and the parties are requested to present further argument on Questions 4 and 5 previously propounded by the Court for the reargument this Term. The Attorney General of the United States is again invited to participate. The Attorneys General of the states requiring or permitting segregation in public education will also be permitted to appear as *amici curiae* upon request to do so by September 15, 1954, and submission of briefs by October 1, 1954. It is so ordered.

IMPLEMENTATION RULING BY THE U. S. SUPREME COURT

May 31, 1955

These cases were decided on May 17, 1954. The opinions of that date, declaring the fundamental principle that racial discrimination in public education is unconstitutional, are incorporated herein by reference. All provisions of federal, state, or local law requiring or permitting such discrimination must yield to this principle. There remains for consideration the manner in which relief is to be accorded.

Because these cases arose under different local conditions and their disposition will involve a variety of local problems, we requested further argument on the question of relief. In view of the nationwide importance of the decision, we invited the attorney general of the United States and the attorneys general of all states requiring or permitting racial discrimination in public education to present their views on that question. The parties, the United States, and the states of Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Texas filed briefs and participated in the oral arguments.

These presentations were informative and helpful to the court in its consideration of the complexities arising from the transition to a system of public education freed of racial discrimination. The presentations also demonstrated that substantial steps to eliminate racial discrimination in public schools already have been taken, not only in some of the communities in which these cases arose, but in some of the states appearing as amici curiae (friends of the court), and in other states as well. Substantial progress has been made in the District of Columbia and in the communities in Kansas and Delaware involved in this litigation. The defendants in the cases coming to us from South Carolina and Virginia are awaiting the decision of this court concerning relief.

Full implementation of these constitutional principles may require solution of varied local school problems. School authorities have the primary responsibility of elucidating, assessing, and solving these problems; courts will have to consider whether the action of school authorities constitutes good faith implementation of the governing constitutional principles. Because of their proximity to local conditions and the possible need for further hearings, the courts which originally heard these cases can best perform this judicial appraisal. Accordingly, we believe it appropriate to remand the cases to those courts.

In fashioning and effectuating the decrees, the courts will be guided by equitable principles. Traditionally, equity has been characterized by a practical flexibility in shaping its remedies and by facility for adjusting and reconciling public and private needs. These cases call for the exercise of these traditional attributes of equity power.

At stake is the personal interest of the plaintiffs in admission to public schools as soon as practicable on a non-discriminatory basis. To effectuate this interest may call for elimination of a variety of obstacles in making the transition to school systems operate in accordance with the constitutional principles set forth in our May 17, 1954, decision. Courts of equity may properly take into account the public interest in the elimination of such obstacles in a systematic and effective manner. But it should go without saying that the vitality of these constitutional principles cannot be allowed to yield simply because of disagreement with them.

While giving weight to these public and private considerations, the courts will require that the defendants make a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance with our May 17, 1954, ruling. Once such a start has been made, the courts may find that additional time is necessary to carry out the ruling in an effective manner. The burden rests upon the defendants to establish that such time is necessary in the public interest and is consistent with good faith compliance at the earliest practicable date. To that end, the courts may consider problems related to administration, arising from the physical condition of the school plant, the school transportation system, personnel, revision of school districts and attendance areas into compact units to achieve a system of determining admission to the public schools on a non-racial basis, and revision of local laws and regulations which may be necessary in solving the foregoing problems. They will also consider the adequacy of any plans the defendants may propose to meet the problems and to effectuate a transition to a racially non-discriminatory school system. During this period of transition, the courts will retain jurisdiction of these cases.

The judgments below, except that in the Delaware case, are accordingly reversed and remanded to the district courts to take such proceedings and enter such orders and decrees consistent with this opinion as are necessary and proper to admit to public schools on a racially non-discriminatory basis with all deliberate speed the parties to these cases. The judgment in the Delaware case — ordering the immediate admission of the plaintiffs to schools previously attended only by white children — is affirmed on the basis of the principles stated in our May 17, 1954, opinion, but the case is remanded to the Supreme Court of Delaware for such further proceedings as that court may deem necessary in light of this opinion.

It is so ordered.

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Atlanta, Georgia
April 13, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments comprise our report:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Financial Condition, March 31, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Operating Fund
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
SCHEDULE 3- Schedule of Contributions

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $14,378.09
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $37,104.52

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31, 1956, were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories. The Special Projects account includes $20,182.70 belonging to the Fact-Finding Program.

State Organizations' Savings - $89,409.60

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations, which are invested in U. S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,817.30

This also represents funds invested in U. S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2,352.20

This represents unpaid withholding taxes and old-age benefit taxes for both the Central Office and State Organizations for March, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $1,000.00

This represents funds received from the Fund for the Republic for printing and distributing a pamphlet in cooperation with the Southern Historical Society.

Due to Special Projects - $754.18

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D reflects the receipts and disbursements for the Fellowship of the Concerned fund.

Advance Appropriations - $125,000.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers the next six months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers the next nine months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central Office of $19,822.08, and disbursements of $23,852.96, or an excess of disbursements over receipts of $4,030.88.

It should be noted that the $50,000.00 shown under receipts for State Organizations is for a special purpose - Fact-Finding Program. The allocation of the appropriation from the Fund for the Republic for the three months is $28,125.00, which is not shown on Exhibit C, since it was received in 1955. The expenses for the period were $36,868.83, thus reflecting an excess of expenses over income of $8,743.83.

In our opinion the attached Statement of Financial Condition and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at March 31, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-months period then ended.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Bank - Central Office (Sch.1)	$ 14,378.09	
Cash in Bank - Special Projects (Sch.2)	37,104.52	
State Organizations' Savings	89,409.60	
Accounts Receivable - Literature	80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings	29,817.30	
Total Assets		$ 172,019.51

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,352.20	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.17	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	413.11		
Southern Historical Society	1,000.00	1,754.18	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	75,000.00		
Fact-Finding Program	50,000.00	125,000.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 129,109.55
Surplus, March 31, 1956			42,909.96
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 172,019.51

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (see Schedule 3)	$ 16,709.00		
Members Dues	205.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,402.50		
Sale of Literature	194.48		
Accounts Receivable - Literature	4.00		
Fund for the Republic (see Comments)	1,000.00		
Honoraria	107.10		
Commission on Race and Housing	200.00	$ 19,822.08	
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1956		18,408.97	
Total Receipts			$ 38,231.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	14,368.55	
Travel	1,926.21	
Printing - other than New South	129.63	
Rent	420.00	
Printing and Postage - New South	1,598.51	
Telephone and Telegraph	516.10	
Postage	301.51	
Consultant Fees	455.00	
Special Services	32.50	
Accounting Services	120.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	164.74	
Books and Subscriptions	154.22	
Accounts Payable - 1955	1,793.02	
Georgia Sales Tax	3.01	
Office Supplies	277.26	
Office Equipment	397.58	
Commission on Race and Housing	25.50	
Miscellaneous	2.85	
Social Security Taxes	199.68	
Withholding Taxes - 1955	754.10	
Fact-Finding Program	212.99	
Total Disbursements		23,852.96
Balance, March 31, 1956		$ 14,378.09

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Fund for the Republic - Fact-Finding Program	$ 50,000.00	
Interest Income	590.40	$ 50,590.40
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1956		52,446.07
Total Receipts		$103,036.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 28,271.62	
Consultant Fees	1,016.05	
Travel	46.52	
Local Expenses	500.00	
Miscellaneous	53.25	
Consultants' Training Program	2,553.65	
Irene Osborne	708.98	
John Hope II	2,211.26	
Withholding Taxes - 1955	1,133.96	
Social Security Taxes	373.54	
Total Disbursements		36,868.83
		$ 66,167.64

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 36,350.34
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,817.30
	$ 66,167.64

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1956		$ 807.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	$ 10.00	
Travel	384.13	394.13
Balance, March 31, 1956		$ 413.11

EXHIBIT D

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank

Atlanta, Georgia

March 31, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 16,085.37
Less: Outstanding Checks:		
Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	
7570	16.00	
7571	5.00	
7573	38.12	
7576	78.29	
7577	354.54	
7578	247.73	
7579	237.73	
7580	185.67	
7581	204.10	
7585	104.80	
7588	29.78	
7589	23.03	
7590	40.00	
7591	134.70	1,707.28
Balance per Books, March 31, 1956		$ 14,378.09

SCHEDULE 1

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company

Atlanta, Georgia

March 31, 1956

Balance per Bank				$ 43,384.68
Less: Outstanding Checks:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
1962	$ 7.20	2760	$ 187.26	
2697	177.26	2761	44.80	
2710	20.00	2762	182.26	
2720	344.53	2763	84.80	
2726	595.00	2764	172.26	
2727	98.21	2765	88.19	
2730	35.00	2766	98.19	
2732	70.00	2767	73.95	
2733	70.00	2768	187.26	
2739	150.71	2769	182.26	
2740	54.51	2770	93.19	
2741	55.26	2771	177.26	
2742	48.76	2772	182.26	
2743	54.51	2773	83.19	
2744	10.28	2774	88.19	
2745	3.00	2775	172.26	
2748	182.26	2776	102.09	
2749	84.80	2777	187.26	
2750	182.26	2778	83.19	
2751	197.26	2779	44.00	
2752	82.79	2780	49.00	
2753	192.26	2781	139.22	
2754	177.26	2782	5.53	
2755	88.19	2783	45.55	
2756	182.26	2784	100.00	
2757	100.17	2785	20.00	
		2786	143.00	$ 6,280.16
Balance per Books, March 31, 1956				$ 37,104.52

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

January 1 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS

INDIVIDUALS		$ 909.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Steelworkers of America	$ 1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union	500.00	
Community Workshop Association	100.00	1,600.00
CHURCHES:		
National Council of Protestant Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church	250.00	
The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church	250.00	1,800.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00	
The Marshall Field Foundation	5,000.00	
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	12,400.00
Total Contributions, March 31, 1956		$16,709.00

SCHEDULE 3

L. E. CAMPBELL AND COMPANY
317 McCLELLAND AVENUE
EAST POINT, GEORGIA

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Atlanta, Georgia
July 12, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 inclusive.

The following Exhibits and schedules, together with comments, are shown below:

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COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $18,723.78
Cash In Bank - Special Projects - $29,699.93

All recorded receipts were checked with bank deposits, and all disbursements, which were made by check, were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at June 30, 1956 were confirmed by correspondence with the respective banks.

State Organizations - Savings - $49,650.00

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations program, and are invested in short-term U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,805.00

This represents funds invested in U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by the bank holding them for safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2520.14

This is the total of withholding taxes and Old-Age Benefit taxes for both the central office and State Organizations for June, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $640.48

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D shows the changes in the Fellowship of the Concerned Fund for the period.

Advance Appropriations - $99,500.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic pertains to the next three months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers six months, and the New World Foundation advance covers seven months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central office of $32,973.17, which includes transfers from Citizens Trust Company, $7,000.00 of unexpended State Organizations' 1955-56 funds, and $20,000.00 of Fact-Finding Program funds to First National checking account. Surplus at the end of June, 1956 is $16,383.88 less than at March 31, 1956.

In our opinion, the attached Statement of Financial Conditions and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at June 30, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-month period ended at that date.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)		$ 18,723.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch. 2)		29,699.93	
State Organizations - Savings		49,650.00	
Accounts Receivable - Literature		80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets		1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings		29,805.00	
Total Assets			$ 129,188.71

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,520.14	
Georgia Sales Tax		2.01	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission of Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	299.41	640.48	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	37,500.00		
Fact-Finding Program	45,000.00		
New World Foundation	17,000.00	99,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 102,662.63
Surplus			26,526.08
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 129,188.71

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (See Schedule 3)	$ 2,645.00		
Members Dues	80.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,948.17		
Sale of Literature	647.88		
Honoraria	652.12		
Transfer from State Organizations:			
Unexpended 1955-56 State Organization Funds	7,000.00		
Fact-Finding Checking account	20,000.00	$ 32,973.17	
Balance in Bank April 1, 1956		14,378.09	
Total To Be Accounted For			$ 47,351.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	17,062.20	
Travel	1,981.38	
Printing - other than New South	639.06	
Printing and Postage - New South	2,018.62	
Rent	420.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	790.09	
Postage	124.83	
Consultants Fees	70.00	
Special Projects - Printing	1,004.22	
Special Services	35.50	
Accounting Services	50.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	254.17	
Books and Subscriptions	113.54	
Georgia Sales Tax	5.98	
Office Supplies	316.92	
Social Security Taxes	315.87	
Fact-Finding Program	3,418.10	
Miscellaneous	7.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 28,627.48
Balance June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

New World Foundation	$ 17,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Certificates	39,759.60	
Interest Income	773.10	$ 57,532.70
Balance April 1, 1956		66,167.64
Total to be Accounted For		$ 123,700.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	29,719.78	
Consultants Fees	1,474.80	
Travel	42.95	
Local Expenses	1,600.00	
Consultants Training Program	1,010.05	
Irene Osborne	637.21	
John Hope II	2,655.45	
Social Security Taxes	587.41	
Liability Insurance	108.24	
Transfer to Central Office	27,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 64,835.89
Balance, June 30, 1956		$ 58,864.45

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 29,059.45
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,805.00
	$ 58,864.45

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1956	$ 413.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel Expense	113.70
Balance, June 30, 1956	$ 299.41

EXHIBIT D

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Central Office

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
June 30, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 21,891.56
Less Checks Outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
60	$ 15.65	
62	7.79	
64	22.36	
73	1.10	
75	235.43	
76	2.00	
77	213.10	
78	397.33	
79	270.45	
80	245.24	
81	185.67	
82	175.26	
83	204.10	
84	138.43	
85	103.19	
86	138.43	
87	104.80	
88	94.95	
89	118.08	
90	204.10	
91	219.10	
92	39.22	
93	30.00	
95	2.00	3,167.78
Balance per books June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

SCHEDULE I

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Special Projects

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
June 30, 1956

Balance per bank statement $ 35,088.30

Less Checks Outstanding:

Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
2842	$ 58.71	3063	$ 98.19	
2895	118.01	3064	88.19	
2984	100.00	3065	182.26	
3005	88.19	3066	187.26	
3029	6.92	3068	177.26	
3030	455.00	3069	182.26	
3038	21.78	3070	83.19	
3041	32.75	3071	187.26	
3042	11.70	3072	172.26	
3043	24.57	3073	102.09	
3044	20.00	3074	182.26	
3045	182.26	3075	83.19	
3046	84.80	3076	92.80	
3047	182.26	3078	250.00	5,388.37
3048	197.26			
3049	82.79			
3050	192.26			
3051	177.26			
3052	88.19			
3053	182.26			
3054	100.17			
3055	109.80			
3056	187.26			
3058	88.19			
3059	182.26			
3060	84.80			
3061	172.26			
3062	88.19			

Balance per books June 30, 1956 $ 29,699.93

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Contributions
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

INDIVIDUALS	$ 1,265.00	$ 1,265.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Automobile Workers, International Union	1,000.00	
Consolidated Charities of LeMoyne College	10.00	1,010.00
CHURCHES:		
Division of National Missions of the Board of the Methodist Church	250.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	270.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL	$ 2,645.00

SCHEDULE 3

Atlanta, Georgia
January 15, 1957

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the year ended December 31, 1956.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments are submitted herewith:

EXHIBIT A - Balance Sheet, December 31, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Income and Expenses - Central Office for the year ended December 31, 1956
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Income and Expenses - State Organizations and Consultant Service Program for the year ended December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 1- Reconciliation - First National Bank, December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 2- Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company, December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 3- Accounts Receivable - Pamphlets, December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 4- Accounts Payable, December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 5- Contributions - Year ended December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 6- Receipts and Disbursements - Fact-Finding Program - Year ended December 31, 1956
SCHEDULE 7- Receipts and Disbursements - Special Projects - Year ended December 31, 1956

COMMENTS

Cash in Bank - Central Office - $1,141.00
Cash in Bank - State Organizations - $34,956.44

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Balances at December 31, 1956, were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - State Organizations and Fact-Finding Program - $79,398.50

This consists of the following:

U. S. Treasury 91 Day Bills:

Due 1/10/57	$50,000.00 par
Due 1/24/57	30,000.00 par

The above were on deposit with the Citizens Trust Company and were confirmed by them.

Accounts Receivable - $102.55

This account represents open sales of pamphlets, as shown in Schedule 3.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $750.00

The cost of pamphlets and other printed materials on hand for sale comprises this account.

Due from Fact-Finding Program - $3,500.00

This amount represents administrative and overhead expenses of the Central Office due from the above-named project.

Due from Consultant Service Program - $2,455.32

This amount represents overhead expenses ($200.00) and project expenses due the Central Office from the above-named.

Accounts Payable - $3,339.40

Schedule 4 shows the detail and distribution of amounts owed at December 31, 1956, for current services and supplies.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,679.17

This amount is made up of social security and withheld income taxes for December, 1956, for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Due to Special Projects - $1,374.34

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects specified. As no further activity was expected in the Commission on Equal Penalties Fund, it was transferred to the Central Office Account.

Advance Appropriations - $69,348.83

This represents advances from the various sources indicated on the Balance Sheet, to be used during the year 1957.

Operations

Exhibit B shows an excess of Expenses over Income for Central Office operations for the year of $4,239.15, and Exhibit C reflects an excess of Income over Expenses for the same period for State Organizations of $21,151.52. This gives a combined excess of Income over Expenses for the year of $16,912.37.

In our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Statements of Income and Expenses present fairly the financial condition at December 31, 1956, and the results of operation for the period then ended.

We wish to thank Mrs. Alexander for her valuable assistance during the course of the examination.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Bank - Central Office (Schedule 1)	$ 1,141.00	
Cash in Bank - State Organizations (Schedule 2)	34,956.44	
State Organizations and Fact-Finding Program Savings	79,398.50	
Accounts Receivable - Pamphlets (Schedule 3)	102.55	
Inventory of Pamphlets	750.00	
*Due from Fact-Finding Program	3,500.00	
*Due from Consultant Service Program - New World Foundation	2,455.32	
Total Assets		$122,303.81

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Schedule 4)			$ 3,339.40	
Accrued Payroll Taxes			1,679.17	
Georgia Sales Tax			3.81	
Due to Special Projects:				
Fellowship of the Concerned		$ 1,199.84		
Commission on Race and Housing		174.50	1,374.34	
Advance Appropriations:				
Fund for the Republic		45,000.00		
Fact-Finding Program		16,810.50		
Consultant Service Program				
Reserved for Consultant Conferences	$ 5,000.00			
Due to Central Office	2,455.32			
Surplus	83.01	7,538.33	69,348.83	
Total Liabilities				75,745.55
Surplus, December 31, 1956				46,558.26
Total Liabilities and Surplus				$122,303.81

*Project expenses incurred by the Central Office for the year ended December 31, 1956 and due from the projects named.

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expenses - Central Office
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

INCOME

Fund for the Republic Grant		$ 27,500.00	
Fund for the Republic - Fact-Finding Program		30,189.50	
Transfer from Consultant Service Program for Central Office overhead		1,500.00	
Transfer from Fact-Finding Program for Central Office overhead		1,500.00	
Transfer from Commission on Equal Penalties		341.07	
Transfer from State Organizations Unspent Balance 1955-56		24,000.00	
Associate Members Dues		367.50	
New South Subscriptions		6,070.07	
Sale of Literature		1,293.54	
Honoraria		1,669.45	
Contributions: (Schedule 5)			
Individuals	$ 3,116.00		
Organizations	4,733.00		
Churches	4,020.00		
Foundations	19,500.00	31,369.00	
Total Income			$125,800.13

EXPENSES

Salaries	$ 63,705.51	
Social Security Taxes	1,059.07	
Annual Meeting and Executive Committee Meetings	5,365.79	
Books and Subscriptions	1,013.13	
Office Supplies	1,438.39	
Postage	1,067.75	
Printing	3,204.04	
New South Printing and Postage	6,578.24	
Rent	1,680.00	
Office Equipment	724.65	
Legal and Accounting Fees	430.00	
Georgia Sales Tax	21.91	
Corporation Tax	1.00	
Consultant Fees	605.53	
Special Services	68.00	
Travel	7,759.58	
Telephone and Telegraph	2,985.00	
Tuskegee Meeting	57.61	
Miscellaneous	84.58	
Fact-Finding Program (Schedule 6)	30,189.50	
Transfer to Fellowship of the Concerned	2,000.00	130,039.28
Excess of Expense over Income		$ 4,239.15

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expenses - State Organizations and Consultant Service Program
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

INCOME

Fund for the Republic Grant		$150,000.00	
Interest Income		1,832.00	
New World Foundation		17,000.00	
Total Income			$168,832.00

EXPENSES

Salaries		$110,469.74	
Consultant Fees		6,818.80	
Local Expenses		4,274.16	
Social Security Taxes		1,985.83	
Travel		89.47	
Miscellaneous		53.25	
Consultant Service Program:			
Direct Supervision - Fees and Travel	$ 7,852.31		
Consultants' Fees and Travel	5,088.99		
Administrative and overhead	1,500.00	14,441.30	
Irene Osborne - Community Consultant		1,346.19	
Unallocated:			
Fellowship of the Concerned	1,500.00		
Social Security Taxes - 1954-55	638.18	2,138.18	
Liability Insurance		108.24	
Due to Central Office:			
Fact-Finding Program	3,500.00		
Consultant Service Program	2,455.32	5,955.32	
Total Expenses			147,680.48
Excess of Income over Expenses			$ 21,151.52

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
Central Office
December 31, 1956

Balance per bank		$ 4,000.47
Less checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
665	$ 4.00	
671	397.33	
672	283.52	
673	261.70	
674	196.58	
675	187.75	
676	155.25	
677	217.43	
678	143.16	
680	145.20	
681	104.80	
682	94.95	
683	37.91	
684	24.50	
685	5.39	
686	600.00	2,859.47
Balance per books, December 31, 1956		$ 1,141.00

SCHEDULE 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
State Organizations
December 31, 1956

Balance per bank				$ 39,624.93
Less checks outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
3068	$ 177.26	3562	$ 109.80	
3512	204.16	3563	187.26	
3539	102.09	3564	88.19	
3544	875.00	3565	186.43	
3545	77.50	3566	224.10	
3548	28.97	3567	83.19	
3555	186.43	3568	181.43	
3556	186.43	3569	186.43	
3557	201.43	3570	187.26	
3558	196.43	3571	102.09	
3559	181.43	3572	186.43	
3560	186.43	3573	63.80	
3561	102.09	3574	176.43	4,668.49
Balance per books, December 31, 1956				$ 34,956.44

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Accounts Receivable - Pamphlets
December 31, 1956

Roscoe Giffin	$ 2.00
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	3.30
Harold Preece	2.00
Texas Commission on Race Relations	16.50
University of Florida	14.50
Courtney Siceloff	1.20
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	9.90
Virginia Council on Human Relations	8.25
Arkansas Council on Human Relations	7.40
Harry Golden	2.00
Florida Council on Human Relations	6.60
William M. Jenkins	2.80
Hodding Carter	4.95
Women's Division of Christian Service	16.25
University of Tennessee Book Store	4.90
Total	$102.55

SCHEDULE 3

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Accounts Payable
December 31, 1956

The Western Union Telegraph Company	$ 6.33
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company	271.91
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith	41.72
Higgins-McArthur Company	139.05
Office Supply Company	3.04
The Mimeograph Company	26.40
Ivan Allen Company	26.01
Globe Stationery Company	78.00
Hammer & Company	2,000.00
Eastern Air Lines, Inc.	595.56
Elliott Addressing Machine Company	14.25
Avis Rent-A-Car System	34.01
Annual Meeting and Executive Committee Meetings	83.12
Atlanta University	20.00
Total	$ 3,339.40

Distribution:

Telephone and Telegraph	$ 278.24
Miscellaneous Literature	41.72
Office Supplies	133.45
Fact-Finding Program	2,139.05
Travel	629.57
New South Printing	14.25
Annual Meeting and Exec. Com.	83.12
Miscellaneous	20.00
Total	$3,339.40

SCHEDULE 4

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Contributions - Central Office
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Individuals		$ 3,116.00
Organizations:		
United Steelworkers of America	$ 1,000.00	
United Automobile Workers of America, International Union	1,000.00	
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	2,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union of America	500.00	
Community Workshop Association	200.00	
Consolidated Charities of LeMoyne College	33.00	4,733.00
Churches:		
The National Council of Protestant Episcopal Church	$ 1,000.00	
The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church	1,000.00	
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church	1,200.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church	250.00	
The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
The Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.	250.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	4,020.00
Foundations:		
The Doris Duke Foundation	$ 7,000.00	
The Field Foundation, Inc.	5,000.00	
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000.00	
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000.00	
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	19,500.00
Total Contributions		$ 31,369.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
FACT-FINDING PROGRAM
January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Fund for the Republic Grant		$ 50,000.00
Re-imbursement from Morton Elder for salary advanced		2,000.00
Total Receipts		$ 52,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 8,922.41	
Consultant Fees	14,305.67	
Travel	6,822.37	
Printing	139.05	
Administrative and overhead	5,000.00	
Total Disbursements		35,189.50
Balance, December 31, 1956		$ 16,810.50

SCHEDULE 6

SPECIAL PROJECTS

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance January 1, 1956	$ 807.24	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000.00	
Refunds	20.90	
Transfer from Unspent State Organizations' Funds	1,500.00	
Total Receipts		$ 4,328.14
Disbursements		
Workshops and Meetings	$ 3,118.30	
Miscellaneous	10.00	
Total Disbursements		3,128.30
Balance, December 31, 1956		$ 1,199.84

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1956	$ 341.07
Transferred to Central Office	341.07
Balance, December 31, 1956	$ 000.00

SCHEDULE 7

Atlanta, Georgia
October 22, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments, comprise our report:

EXHIBIT A - Balance Sheet, September 30, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office, October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations, October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Fellowship of the Concerned, October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company

COMMENTS

Cash in Bank - Central Office - $18,164.31
Cash in Bank - State Organizations - $51,611.52

All recorded receipts were compared with bank deposits, and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at September 30, 1956, were confirmed by correspondence with the banks.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $1,230.00

This represents cost of printed materials on hand at September 30, 1956.

Payroll Taxes - $2,381.10

This consists of Old Age Benefit Taxes and Income Taxes withheld at September 30, 1956, for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Due to Special Projects - $2,140.48

The amounts shown on Exhibit A are for the use of the projects indicated. No activity has occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the year.

Advance Appropriations - $45,946.70

This represents unexpended funds for the Special Projects named in Exhibit A.

General

Exhibits B and C reflect the transfer of funds from State Organizations operation to the Central Office. Several of the State Organizations did not have an Associate Director, so permission was granted to make this transfer.

In our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at September 30, 1956, and the results of operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Balance Sheet
September 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Bank - Central Office (Schedule 1)		$ 18,164.31	
Cash in Bank - Special Projects (Schedule 2)		51,611.52	
Inventory - Pamphlets		1,230.00	
Total Assets			$71,005.83

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,381.10	
Georgia Sales Tax		.96	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	1,799.41	2,140.48	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fact-Finding Program	30,499.83		
John Hope II Consultant Training Program	15,446.87	45,946.70	
Total Liabilities			$50,469.24
Surplus, September 30, 1956			20,536.59
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$71,005.83

NOTE: A Check for $110,000.00 from the Fund for the Republic for the fiscal year, October 1, 1956 to September 30, 1957, was in the safe at September 30, 1956. It was deposited in the bank on October 2, 1956.

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Central Office
October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals		$ 3,449.00
Organizations:		
Consolidated Charities Committee	$ 21.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations	375.00	
Community Work Shop Association	200.00	
United Steelworkers of America	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union of America	500.00	
International Union, United Automobile, Aircraft & Agricultural Implement Workers of America	1,000.00	
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	2,000.00	5,096.00
Churches:		
Woman's Society of Christian Service	25.00	
Georgia Conference of the AME Zion Church	25.00	
The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
The Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church	250.00	
The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.	1,000.00	
The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church	1,200.00	3,820.00
Foundations:		
John Hay Whitney Foundation	$ 1,000.00	
The Marshall Field Foundation	5,000.00	
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00	
The New World Foundation	17,000.00	
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000.00	
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	35,500.00
Total Contributions		$ 47,865.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Central Office
October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Brought Forward from EXHIBIT B, Page 1		$ 47,865.00	
Associate Members Dues		356.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions		6,222.17	
Sale of Literature		1,325.48	
Honoraria		1,567.80	
Interest Income		300.00	
Total Income Independent of Grant from the Fund for the Republic			$ 57,636.45
Other Income:			
Fund for the Republic Grant		$ 25,000.00	
Special Grant for Printing and Distribution of Pamphlet		1,000.00	
Loan paid by State Organizations from Duke and Field Foundation Funds		8,350.00	
Transfers from State Organization Unexpended 1955-56 Funds	$ 21,000.00		
Fact-Finding Program	30,000.00	51,000.00	
Commission on Race and Housing		200.00	85,550.00
Total			$143,186.45
Bank Balance, October 1, 1955			3,022.57
Total Receipts			$146,209.02

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries		$ 62,090.24	
Travel		8,469.39	
Printing - other than NEW SOUTH		1,146.28	
Printing and Postage - NEW SOUTH		6,285.43	
Rent		1,680.00	
Telephone and Telegraph		2,775.94	
Postage		1,049.40	
Consultants Fees		1,032.50	
Special Services		159.50	
Accounting and Legal		565.00	
Executive Committee and Annual Meetings		2,169.03	
Books and Subscriptions		399.97	
Georgia Sales Tax		17.96	
Office Supplies		1,255.07	
Social Security Taxes		889.08	
Fact-Finding Program		18,000.17	
Printing - Special Pamphlet		1,004.22	
Miscellaneous		41.65	
Office Equipment		788.38	
Office Alterations		200.00	
Commission on Race and Housing		25.50	
Transfers:			
New World Foundation	$ 17,000.00		
Fellowship of the Concerned	1,000.00	18,000.00	
Total Disbursements			$128,044.71
Balance, September 30, 1956			$ 18,164.31

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic:			
For State Organizations	$ 125,000.00		
Fact-Finding Program	50,000.00	$175,000.00	
New World Foundation - John Hope II Consultant Training Program		17,000.00	
Interest Income		2,132.00	
U. S. Treasury Certificates - 1954-55		60,000.00	
TOTAL			$254,132.00
Bank Balance October 1, 1955			1,565.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS			$255,697.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries		$ 113,668.89	
Consultants Fees		5,545.14	
Travel		89.47	
Local Expense		4,357.50	
Consultants Training Program		3,899.89	
Liability Insurance		108.24	
Social Security Taxes		2,180.55	
Transfers to Central Office:			
From Fact-Finding Program	$ 30,000.00		
Unexpended 1955-56 Funds	21,000.00		
Duke and Field Fund	8,350.00	59,350.00	
Fellowship of the Concerned		1,500.00	
Items chargeable against unallocated State Funds:			
Irene Osborne	$ 6,032.66		
John Hope II	7,153.24		
Miscellaneous	200.02	13,385.92	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			204,085.60
Balance September 30, 1956			$ 51,611.52

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Special Projects
October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts

Balance October 1, 1955	$ 3.37
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Transfer from unspent State Organizations Funds 1955-56	1,500.00
Total Receipts	$ 2,503.37

Disbursements

Workshop Expense	$ 163.61	
Travel	497.83	
Postage and Supplies	42.52	
Total Disbursements		703.96
Balance, September 30, 1956		$ 1,799.41

EXHIBIT D

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Central office

Bank Reconciliation First National Bank - Atlanta
September 30, 1956

Balance per bank		$ 21,904.51
Less checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
281	$ 2.00	
305	7.00	
332	3.00	
337	2.00	
358	244.00	
360	15.00	
365	271.00	
366	75.00	
368	44.51	
369	20.40	
371	33.00	
373	105.30	
374	116.17	
377	397.33	
378	276.70	
379	751.28	
380	209.10	
381	185.67	
382	175.26	
383	138.43	
385	138.43	
386	94.95	
387	108.39	
388	104.80	
389	118.08	
390	204.10	
392	219.10	
394	91.52	
395	45.85	
396	22.54	
397	10.29	
398	10.00	
		$ 3,740.20
Balance per books, September 30, 1956		$ 18,164.31

SCHEDULE 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Company
September 30, 1956

Balance per bank $ 57,730.79

Less checks Outstanding:

Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
2842	58.71	3295	187.26	
2895	118.01	3296	88.19	
3068	177.26	3297	182.26	
3206	125.00	3298	88.19	
3243	35.00	3299	172.26	
3251	88.19	3300	98.19	
3266	83.19	3301	88.19	
3269	102.09	3302	182.26	
3277	140.00	3303	187.26	
3281	350.00	3305	177.26	
3283	110.00	3306	182.26	
3284	60.00	3307	83.19	
3285	182.26	3308	187.26	
3286	182.26	3309	172.26	
3287	197.26	3310	102.09	
3288	82.79	3311	182.26	
3289	192.26	3312	63.80	
3290	177.26	3313	60.27	
3291	88.19	3314	500.00	
3292	182.26	3317	91.38	
3293	102.09	3318	99.30	$ 6,119.27
3294	109.80			

Balance per books, September 30, 1956 $ 51,611.52

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Comparison of 1955-56 Budget with Actual
Income and Expenditures as of March 1, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Realized
INCOME:			
Contributions from Individuals, organizations, churches, etc.	$ 14,000.00	$ 5,805.00	41.4
Dues	500.00	50.00	10.0
New South Subscriptions	6,000.00	2,560.00	42.6
Sale of Literature	3,000.00	500.00	16.6
Honoraria	1,000.00	300.00	30.0
Interest Income	800.00	900.00	112.0
Fund for the Republic	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds	12,000.00	12,100.00	100.0
Surplus 1954-55 (Estimated)	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.0
Sub Total	$ 64,900.00	49,715.00	76.6
Anticipated Revenue from other sources	28,180.00	16,000.00	56.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	$ 65,715.00	70.6

	Budget 1955-56	Actual as of 3/1/56	Percent of Budget Expended
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	$ 61,600.00	26,144.81	42.4
Social Security Tax	800.00	462.69	57.8
Travel	7,500.00	3,545.91	47.2
Printing New South & Postage	6,500.00	2,449.08	37.6
Printing other	2,000.00	183.53	9.1
Rent	1,680.00	700.00	41.6
Telephone & Telegraph	2,500.00	1,102.25	44.0
Postage	2,000.00	456.95	22.8
Books and Subscriptions	300.00	177.79	59.2
Accounting Fees	500.00	275.00	55.0
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	300.00	280.95	93.6
Office Supplies	2,900.00	958.66	33.0
Annual Meeting & Exec. Comm. Mtgs	2,000.00	1,253.80	62.6
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	2,500.00		0.0
TOTAL	$ 93,080.00	37,991.42	40.8

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Budget, Central Office, probably 1956-57		$100,000.00
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Fund for Republic Grant	$10,000.00	
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TOTAL		50,000.00
To be raised by Finance Committee		$ 50,000.00

1957-58

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7. Tennessee		900.91
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Each of these States is committed to raise $3,500.00

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 23, 1954 to NOVEMBER 8, 1955

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met five times since the last annual meeting of the Board. The dates on which the meetings were held were: November 23, 1954; February 17, 1955; May 26, 1955; August 16-18, 1955; and October 28-29, 1955. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. All the rest were held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee's actions are here listed:

1. Charged chairmen of state organizations with the responsibility of employing only loyal Americans, and of signing a form so stating for SRC's permanent files. 11/23/54

2. As empowered by the Board, worded an amendment of SRC's By-Laws, Article V, Section 4, to provide for a Nominating Committee, which, meeting at least 30 days prior to annual meeting, would nominate: a) Members of the Council; b) Officers of the Council; c) Members of the Executive Committee; and d) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee (one of whom is to be a state chairman). The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint at least two more members. 11/23/54

3. Appointed a Program Planning Committee to work closely with the staff in planning program. 11/23/54

4. Carefully reviewed work of the staff and Program Planning Committee. 2/17/55

5. Pledged members present to raise or give $100 each to SRC and invited the rest of the Committee and Board to do likewise. 2/17/55

6. Authorized the release of a "Statement by the Executive Committee, Southern Regional Council" which hailed the progress toward desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties, summarized what was being done in the upper South and Southwest, and deplored lack of progress in the hard core states.

It strongly recommended the creation of local planning committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55. Action completed October 1, 1955.

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meetings for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

23. Approved the staff draft of a manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, drawn for use in the October, 1955 controversy with the Attorney-General of Georgia. 10/28-29/55

24. Proposed for the consideration of the Board of Directors such amendments to the By-Laws as would confine membership on the Board and on the Executive Committee to volunteer (i. e., non-staff) personnel. 10/28-29/55

25. Undertook to draft procedural rules for the meetings of the Executive Committee which would bring in staff personnel on invitation. 10/28-29/55

26. Accepted with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, he having served the Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in this capacity for more than twenty-five years. 10/28-29/55

27. Undertook that in the present fiscal year instead of recommending that Committee and Board members give or get a hundred dollars apiece to the Council a request would be made to these persons to assist the Council directly with such sums as might be practicable. 10/28-29/55

28. Agreed to recommend to the Board the employment of Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer, at a modest increase in salary. 10/28-29/55

29. Selected the Executive Committee's members of the 1956 Nominating Committee. 10/28-29/55

30. Approved an arrangement for asking the chairman of each affiliated state organization to nominate a member from that state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. 10/28-29/55

31. Adopted a proposed schedule of expenditures for the central office totalling $93,080 in the fiscal year 1955-56, subject to quarterly review as to availability of funds, and with the proviso that a complete budget, listing expected income and proposed outgo, be submitted to the Board of Directors November 9, 1955. 10/28-29/55

32. Accepted the resignation of Morris Abram, of Atlanta, from the Executive Committee, expressing the hope that Mr. Abram would remain on the Board. 10/28-29/55.

33. Approved a proposal to employ an Assistant Director for Program to coordinate a program to be operated jointly with state organizations for assistance in program planning. 10/28-29/55

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MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FROM STATES
CONVENIENT TO ATLANTA
Room 108, Wesley Memorial Building, Atlanta
March 16, 1956

The meeting began at 2:00 P.M. Present: Mr. W.L. Greene, Raleigh, N.C.; Mr. J.M.Dabbs, Mayesville, S.C.; Mr. Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Josephine Wilkins (observer), Atlanta; Mr. Marion A. Wright, SRC President, Linville Falls, N.C.; Mr. George S. Mitchell, SRC Executive Director; Mr. G.S. Alexander, SRC Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Mitchell made opening remarks to the group discussing the financial figures appended to the Minutes of the meeting.

After discussion it appeared that for the current fiscal year the actual pressing need of Southern Regional Council came down to something like one thousand dollars from each State organization. As the Council had agreed that sums raised in a particular State would be divided fifty-fifty with the State organization in that State, this put a burden on each State Finance Committeeman of raising in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars; one thousand for the central office in Atlanta, and one thousand for the State organization.

Mr. Wright and Miss Wilkins spoke of the present and future needs of the Council.

Mr. Wright in his summary said that he hoped each member would, on getting home, prepare a list of a few people who should be cultivated, and decide upon a plan either to have this office send to these persons various items, or have this office send to the State Finance Committeeman a stated number of items of SRC or other literature to be sent locally to persons on the list.

Mr. Greene said that in various causes in North Carolina he found it useful to urge certain of his friends and supporters either to give to a cause or join it; as certain people well placed hesitated to join causes notably unpopular for the moment in State government circles.

Mr. Wright brought to the attention of the group a recent New York Times news article in regard to location of industry in the South and suggested that various committee members might be interested in using the article, or the idea contained in it, in their approaches.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Staff Forecast of Income for REMAINDER
of Current Fiscal Year (October 1, 1955-September 30, 1956)
And Statement of Income Received to Date

Budget for 1955-56		$93,080.00
*Amount received from individuals, organizations, foundations, subscriptions, miscellaneous sources to date	$23,114.82	
Surplus 1954-55 (Cash Balance)	2,500.00	
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.	25,000.00	
Unallocated State Funds - 1954-55	8,000.00	
Carry over from Duke and Field Funds	9,000.00	
Sub Total	$67,615.00	
**Amount of new money expectable, as of 3/1/56	13,000.00	
Total amount raised or expectable as of this date		80,615.00
Contributions to be raised during remainder of fiscal year		$12,465.00

*Amount raised to date:	
The Marshall Field Foundation (1)	$ 5,000.00
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00
The John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00
Small Foundations	300.00
Labor Organizations	1,875.00
Small organizations	115.00
Episcopal Church	1,000.00
Other Churches	850.00
Individual Contributions	1,665.00
Associate Members	50.00
New South Subscriptions	2,560.00
Honoraria	300.00
Interest	900.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
TOTAL	$ 23,115.00
**Amount expectable:	
Churches	$ 1,200.00
New South	3,400.00
Honoraria	700.00
Board Members	700.00
Interest	300.00
Sale of Literature	500.00
Small Foundations	700.00
Labor Organizations	5,500.00
TOTAL	$13,000.00

(1) Only $3,750.00 of this amount applicable to 1955-56 Budget Period

March 1, 1956

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF INCOME RAISED ANEW THIS FISCAL YEAR
October 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS:		
Individuals	$ 1,765.00	
Organizations	1,986.00	
Churches	2,100.00	
Foundations	13,400.00	
Total Contributions		$ 19,251.00
OTHER INCOME:		
SRC Dues (Associates)	$ 231.00	
NEW SOUTH Subscriptions	3,068.50	
Sale of Literature	567.44	
Honoraria	307.68	
Interest Income	890.40	
Total, Other Income		$ 5,065.02
TOTAL INCOME TO MARCH 31, 1956		$ 24,316.02

Total amount to be raised to be eligible for 1956-57 grant from FFR	$ 55,000.00
Less: Amount raised to March 31, 1956	24,316.02
Balance to be raised to September 30, 1956	$ 30,683.98

April 20, 1956

MEMORANDUM.

TO: APPROPRIATE BOARD MEMBERS. March 5th, 1956.

RE: Conferences on Libel Matter.

On February 15 and 16, President M. A. Wright, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. Paul D. Williams, and Harold Fleming of the staff conferred in New York with knowledgeable private individuals and with staff of the Fund for the Republic.

The first of these discussions was held with an experienced and able jurist of New York City, suggested by New York associates of Mr. Williams as being highly qualified to give wise counsel. His advice with respect to possible legal action was largely discouraging and may be summarized briefly as follows:

1. Negotiation with the Hearst press would probably avail nothing. A retraction of apology is almost certainly out of the question. The reaction of the Hearst papers to a libel suit would probably be vigorously renewed attack on the SRC and its board members.

2. Number of plaintiffs would be a public opinion factor. If all of the 21 board members maligned did not sue, this would be interpreted in unfriendly quarters as an admission that the others could not defend themselves against the Hearst charges.

3. Legal delays would postpone the beginning of court hearings for a year or more, and the hearings might be dragged out even longer; thus, assuming a successful outcome, vindication would be long deferred.

4. The present climate of opinion fosters the idea that anyone who has been affiliated with one or more organizations now regarded as subversive is suspect. Without very compelling and detailed evidence to the contrary, it would be dangerous to risk a jury's decision.

5. Further circulation of the libels by hostile newspapers and groups would be facilitated by the privileged answer which the defendants would submit to the court. The Hearst press is well equipped to dredge up everything which, by distortion and innuendo, could be used to support their charges. This material could then be used with impunity (as "privileged" matter) by any publication or organization.

The second conference, in which Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming represented SRC, was held with staff members of the Fund for the Republic. Mr. Wright, in a letter to the Fund, had formally requested permission for SRC to use up to $15,000 of the Fund's grant for research preparatory to libel action. The Board of the Fund, meeting on February 15, disapproved this request. This is not to be construed as an expression of opinion by the Fund as to the wisdom or unwisdom of individual libel actions. Some members of the Fund's Board would be in sympathy with such actions and might assist financially in a private capacity.

In both conferences, there was discussion of various public relations techniques which might offset the attacks on SRC. Suggestions included: (1) impaneling several distinguished Americans who would examine the merits of the charges and publicly announce their findings; (2) soliciting public statements favorable to SRC from prominent individuals; (3) arranging some favorable recognition of the SRC and its work from the President of the United States.

It was recognized by all parties to these discussions that the decision on legal action rests exclusively and individually with the persons libelled. These explorations were conducted in terms of the effect of legal action on SRC and are submitted to appropriate board members purely as a matter of information.

MEMORANDUM

September 13, 1956

To: George S. Mitchell

From: CHP, HCF, FBR, and JH

Subject: Future of SRC

When C. H. Parrish was here just after Labor Day, he and Fleming and Routh discussed at length the question of the SRC's future after October 1, 1957. Parrish had come to Atlanta with some fundamental questions about the approach outlined in the draft letter to the Fund for the Republic prepared for the executive committee. In discussing these questions, we developed some new ideas about the basis on which SRC should seek support after the end of the coming fiscal year. We found that John Hope was thinking along similar lines, and his views are incorporated here.

It was a matter of regret to us that this opportunity for joint examination of SRC's future role occurred during your absence. We are outlining our common views here in some detail for your consideration and with the request that they be presented to the executive committee for consideration, along with the earlier draft letter, at the September 21-22 meeting.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of

funds and program emphasis. The expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them. In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as an attitude of defiance by four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action. Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare. It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such

a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens. In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. We know, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

It seems to us that this situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact. Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has

made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we want to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff.

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff. Under such a plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would exchange their affiliate status for one of autonomy, and that their

relationship with us would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals.

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would probably be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used during the affiliate period, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions,

it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff. In general, however, we envision the consolidation of staff functions under the major headings of executive, information, and field services.

Functions of SRC

Again without attempting to offer a blueprint, we submit the following types of activity as representing new or heightened program emphases which the Council might undertake:

1) Consultant services to established public and private agencies.

The consultant service project under the direction of John Hope II was conceived and has been used as a service to the state affiliates. It has proved to be an extremely effective technique. Already we contemplate making these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, such use of the consultant services deserves high priority. It is our opinion that we should provide these services free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership.

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinate the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative

in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. Further, the effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers Bureau.

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions are invaluable opportunities to carry our message to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize the furnishing of speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically build up a speakers bureau drawn mainly from our lay leadership and suitable for supplying different kinds of occasions in different parts of the region. The selection, briefing, and scheduling of such speakers would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Literature.

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for

which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More calculated uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings.

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations. Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions.

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program

now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances.

Because of limitations of time, we have had no opportunity to develop detailed estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. Our rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. This is approximately $150,000. per year more than SRC has thus far managed to raise from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by the Board and Executive Committee. It is our hope that any planning of the Council's future will give major consideration to this need.

We would also hope that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that we can avoid rigid allocations of our funds for pre-determined purposes. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be adaptable readily to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's whole-hearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which begins October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated. It is possible, for example, that the Fund for the Republic might be receptive to a request for additional aid during the year for such a purpose.

In any case, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further with the Executive Director and the Executive Committee in order to arrive at a plan to which all of us can lend our full support and energies.

HCF:mbo

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM

October 22, 1956

From: Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

To: Members of the Southern Regional Council

Subject: Proposals re Future of SRC

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of September 20-21, considered at length the orientation and emphasis of the Southern Regional Council's program in the period ahead. Staff members had submitted, in the form of a memorandum, proposals which were worked over by the Committee in great detail. At the conclusion of these deliberations, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to "approve in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program."

The present memorandum, drafted by the staff at the direction of the Executive Committee, sets out the proposals and the considerations which led us to submit them to the full Council for decision. I hope that you will

find the opportunity to acquaint yourself thoroughly with this material so that our discussion at Williamsburg may reflect the most thoughtful judgments of everyone present.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of funds and program emphasis. The original expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them.

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South. A renewal of program through regional staff is also essential.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare.

It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens.

The Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. The effectiveness of these efforts to sell the racial "status quo" are evident in various ways: The U. S. News and World Report has given major support to pro-segregation views, most notably through popularization of one psychologist's thesis that Negroes are inherently less intelligent than whites. Such nationally syndicated columnists as Dorothy Thompson and Walter Lippman have argued that the trend toward integration should be slowed or halted. The platforms of both major political parties failed to endorse the Supreme Court's school decisions.

In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. It is true, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in

the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact.

Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Indeed, it is doubtful that the Southern Regional Council can secure further major financing unless it develops program aimed at meeting these broader needs.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we are to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

Proposed Future Relationship

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff. Under the proposed plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all.

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would continue to work to become more autonomous, and that their relationship with SRC would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals. It is intended that in every way practicable there will be a continued close relationship between the SRC and the state organizations particularly in regard to program service, financial grants-in-aid and counsel on fund raising.

Future Financial Aid to State Groups

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness

sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions, it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff.

Functions of SRC

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these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, broader use of the consultant services deserves high priority. The range of consultants available should be increased to include educators, police officials, public administrators, and others with first-hand experience in integrating communities. SRC's role would be that of "broker" between community leadership and those experts whose counsel would be most helpful. These services should be provided free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

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other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by officers and members of the Council.

It is also to be hoped that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that rigid allocations of funds for pre-determined purposes can be avoided. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be readily adaptable to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

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COPY: GSA

January 8, 1956

Mr. Julian Price
Jefferson Building
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Mr. Price:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting in November did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board, subject to your acceptance. This letter is to invite you to serve.

Terms are for four years, and members whose terms expire may be reelected for one further term.

The Council consists only of the Board; which in turn has some fifty members chosen from the South at large, plus the Chairman and one elected person from each of the twelve State organizations affiliated with SRC (Alabama Council on Human Relations, Arkansas Council on Human Relations, etc.) The Board meets once a year, and it is customary to cover the expenses of members for the meetings. The Board is the policy-making body and thus conducts in the South a broad educational program on the concerns of the Council. The Board is served by an Executive Committee of 13 members who meet quarterly and closely supervise the staff.

In all fairness I let you know that we have been jumped on, probably libellously, by those who are running a warfare against the Fund for the Republic, which has given us a substantial grant. The Hearst Journal-American, in New York, on November 7, 1955, published a scandalous article claiming that 21 of our Board members were "pro reds," categorizing thus a string of outstanding Southern leaders: four or five College and University Presidents, an Episcopal Bishop, a couple of newspaper publishers, various ministers and so on. I send you a paid advertisement in which the Virginia form of the white citizens' councils republished this attack. Also Fulton Lewis, Jr., doubtless by careful concert, made much in his broadcats in mid-November of the Journal-American charges. The editor of the Chattanooga Times put his finger neatly on the truth in a column which is enclosed.

I send a list of the whole Board as it stood just before the recent elections, so that you can see the type of men and women you would be with. Some ten new persons, not heretofore on the Board, were elected and are being invited along with you. They are comparable in stature and interest to the membership as of late October, 1955.

We do hope you will consent to serve. We will be glad to send you anything further about SRC that you may wish. Write us your decision.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee

RE: Board Members

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

The following persons who were nominated as alternates have not as yet been extended an invitation to join the board:

1. Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Mississippi
2. Dr. Raymond Wheeler, North Carolina

The Board as of January 18, 1956, has 78 members and 5 vacancies.

The ex-officio membership is complete.

January 18, 1956

Copy: GSA

March 12, 1956

Mr. James E. Stewart
548 NE Fourth Street
Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma

Dear Jimmy:

We are delighted to have you. Matured deliberation makes good decisions!

We will call on you every once in a while for friendship and for information about Oklahoma. And you must feel free to put us to work for anything we can ever send you as to facts and situations and tendencies in the rest of the Southern States.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

MEMORANDUM

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: G.S.A. GSA.

RE: Monsignor Brunini's election to Board

Monsignor Brunini was nominated for election to the board by the Nominating Committee on October 8, 1955. He was subsequently elected by the board on November 9, 1955.

Through an error he was carried on the nomination list as being re-elected since I had seen his name on the list of the Board of Directors prior to the November 9th meeting.

As it stands now Monsignor Brunini has not been invited to serve on the board, hence he cannot be carried as a board member until he has been invited and accepts.

3/13/56

April 2, 1956

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jos. B. Brunini
P.O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Monsignor Brunini:

The last annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council did themselves the honor of electing you as a member of the Board.

To save typing I send you a copy of such a letter as was sent out a while back to this one and that one then elected.

The Board meets only once a year; we do pay the expenses of the people coming to the meeting; and it is the final governing body of the Council. We have no members except those who are members of the Board.

Here is a current list of the Board's membership.

We all do greatly hope you will accept your election and come on to the Board. We need you and would appreciate your advice and judgment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

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April 23, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: G.S.M.

FROM: G.S.A. GSA

Just to remind you that letters should go to Dr. B. R. Brazeal, Atlanta and to Rev. Duncan Hunter, Alexander City, Alabama inviting them to serve on the Executive Committee. A letter should also go to Mr. Joseph Hass the newly elected counsel. The counsel also becomes a member of the Executive Committee.

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

May 3, 1956

GSA:

When you come to constructing and instructing the Nominating Committee which will make a report to the ~~annual meeting in~~ November, '56, dig up the minutes of April 20-21, '56. They will show that the Executive Committee acting, in GSM's judgment, with dubious authority elected to its own membership Brazeal and Duncan Hunter. When, therefore, the Nominating Committee gets around to making nominations for membership on the Executive Committee it will have to decide whether it wishes to confirm the questionably valid election by the Executive Committee.

One assumes that it ~~was~~ will be confirmed, but one dutifully puts the problem.

GSM

May 16, 1956

CORRECTED COPY

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We are all saddened by your decision not to be available for reelection next year. No one knows where we will turn. But obediently I am sending out the announcement to all the members of the Board.

Five years of worry, woe, begging, and home-leaving is a good big chunk, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. - copy of ltr as mailed today.

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

May 7, 1956

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear George:

I will appreciate your having copies of the enclosed letter made, signed and sent to all members. I believe that there are approximately 70. Anyone in the office is privileged to sign my name, retaining the enclosed original and this letter as evidence of authority.

It seems that it is not too early for the members to begin speculating about someone for the job.

With thanks and kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. W.

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

2 enclosures

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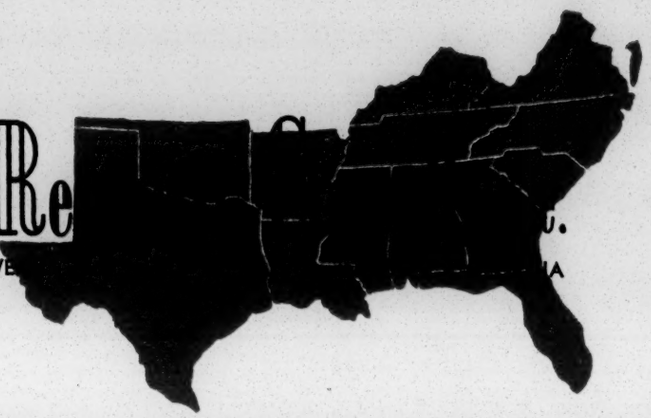

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May 7, 1956

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

There is no reason for me to assume that I would be thought of for re-election as your President. It seems wise, however, to remove that possibility from speculation. My decision is not to permit my name to be considered at the next annual meeting.

I make this announcement well in advance of the event in order that full consideration may be given to a successor.

My tour of duty in this office has brought me many satisfactions, not the least of which has been the privilege of knowing in the membership of the organization the choice spirits of the South. Knowing them, one may only have confidence that the South will yield itself to their leadership.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

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MAW:ejg

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Gen. concep.

Nominat. & Committee

June 12, 1956

GSA:

I saw Paul Williams in Richmond June 9th. He spoke of desiring to come to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, so I take it he considers himself a member, though he has never accepted his election to Vice-President.

You might make some notation in the box that he is to be considered a member, and so amend the appropriate lists.

GM

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPEL HILL

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
AND ANTHROPOLOGY

July 16, 1956

Mr. G.S. Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

My preferences for the date of meeting of the Committee on Nominations are:

1. September 17
2. September 18
3. August 31

Sincerely yours,

Guy B. Johnson

Office of Secretary

Afro-American Life Insurance Company

Incorporated under the laws of Florida

DR. A. L. LEWIS, Founder

HOME OFFICE

P. O. Box 660

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

July 20, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I have received your letter of July 11, 1956, relative to the meeting of the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council. Among the dates suggested by you, either Monday, September 17, or Tuesday September 18, would be quite satisfactory.

I am sure that the committee would appreciate the thinking of the Executive Committee with reference to the President of the Council. Trusting that this can be arrange.

With very best regards. I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Burney

I. H. BURNEY, II
VICE-PRESIDENT-SECRETARY

IHB/p

letter sent to:
r. Guy Johnson
. E. U. Robinson
, B. R. Brazeal
ev. W. Carroll Brooke

Copy: GSA

July 11, 1956

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

The Southern Regional Council By-laws require a meeting of the Nominating Committee "at least 30 days before the annual meeting." The annual meeting is scheduled for November 14, 1956.

We are polling members of the Nominating Committee in order to find a date most convenient to all or most of the members. We are suggesting the following dates:

Tuesday - August 28
Friday - August 31
Monday - September 17
Tuesday - September 18

Please let us have your preference on any of the above dates, or any other date that you may suggest.

Your committee will have to nominate a slate of officers for the Council and at least four new board members. Mr. Marion A. Wright, President of the Council, has requested that he not be considered for reelection. This means that the Committee has the important job of selecting a successor to Mr. Wright.

We are enclosing a list of the current members of the board.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl. - Board of Directors, List of

REV. W. CARROLL BROOKE
POST OFFICE BOX 208
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

25 church St.

July 20, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

On returning from my vacation, I find your letter of July eleventh.

I shall be glad to attend a meeting of the nominating committee on any of the four dates which you have suggested. I have no preference and I am keeping all four open. This will give you a greater selection among the other members of the committee.

I take it that the meeting will be in Atlanta and that my travel expenses will be paid.

With kindest regards to you and the other members of the staff, I am

Yours sincerely,

W. Carroll Brooke

Nominating Committee

Woman's Society of Christian Service
THE METHODIST CHURCH
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

MRS. E. U. ROBINSON
President
P. O. Box 516, Gallatin, Tenn.

July 31, 1956

Dr. B. S. Alexander,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Alexander,

First, please let me apologize for this long delay in answering your letter. I was gone from home - and upon returning have been trying to get through the mountain of correspondence in the midst of more travel.

Neither August date is possible for me to meet with the Committee on Nominations because of previous commitments. Neither September date seems possible at the moment. However, a later September date seems clear, the week of Sept. 23 or the first week in October.

I sincerely hope my late answer has not made for too great inconvenience to you.

Most cordially,

(Mrs. E. U.) Ruth C. Robinson

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Rev. Brooke:

I cannot recall whether or not I received a reply to my letter of July 11 requesting that you select a convenient date for the meeting of the Nominating Committee in Atlanta. The file on this matter was inadvertently misplaced.

However, I would appreciate your letting me know your preferences. The dates suggested were:

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I am enclosing a postal card for reply.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl.

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

So far we have not hear from you in reference to a suggested date for a meeting of the Nominating Committee in Atlanta.

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Administrative Assistant

GSA: mef

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August 1, 1956

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

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I am sorry to have caused you this extra trouble. I am enclosing a postal card for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

cc: GSA

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University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

cc: GSA ✓

August 2, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of July 31 in reference to the proposed meeting of the Nominating Committee. I had mailed a follow-up letter to you on August 1, which you may ignore.

As soon as a date has been finally selected, I will notify you. We hope that you will be able to attend this meeting, but will understand if you cannot.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

COPY

Same letter sent to:
Mr. Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke

Copy: GSA

July 11, 1956

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Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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Same letter sent: cc: GSA ✓

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Mr. I. H. Burney
Mr. B. R. Brazeal

Nominating Comm
Board

August 28, 1956

Mr. W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

The date of September 17, 1956 has been selected for the annual meeting of the Nominating Committee. This date falls on a Monday. We are scheduling the meeting for 2:00 P. M. in the office of the Council in the Wesley Memorial Building at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

As usual, the Council will assume your expenses to attend this meeting. Please let us know on the enclosed postal card whether or not you can attend this meeting.

The Committee will need to make nominations for three vacancies on the Board of Directors, for officers of the corporation and the various committees.

We are enclosing a list of the present officers and committee members. We had previously sent you a list of the Board members.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

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Nominating Committee

Woman's Society of Christian Service
THE METHODIST CHURCH
SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

MRS. E. U. ROBINSON
President
P. O. Box 516, Gallatin, Tenn.

Sept. 24, 1956

Dear Mr. Alexander,

It was with sincere regret that I wired you of my inability to meet with the Nominating Committee, Sept. 17th.

Until time to leave for the meeting - I felt sure I could make it. I trust my absence was not too greatly an impediment in the work.

My files unearthed the annual meeting of D. R.C. is scheduled for Nov. 14 - 15, Williamsburg, Va. Is this still the plan? Other meetings are crowding me - hence, since I desire to include the annual meeting in my plans, I will appreciate information on this matter.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely,

(Mrs. E. U.) Ruth C. Robinson

September 28, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

We are very sorry that other pressing engagements prevented your attending the meeting of the Nominating Committee.

However we did have three members of the committee present, who did a very excellent job. In a few days I will send you a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

The board will meet on November 14-15 in Williamsburg, Virginia. We will send you a letter in a few days giving all of the details concerning this meeting.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 2, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Nominating Committee

FROM: G. S. A.

The Nominating Committee met on Monday, September 17 in Atlanta.

Present were: G. M. Burney, who served as Chairman; W. Carroll Brooks, and B. R. Brazeal. Also present were George S. Mitchell and G. S. Alexander of the SRC staff. Absent were: Mrs. E. U. Robinson and Guy Johnson.

It was agreed that the Committee recommend to the Board that an additional office of Vice-President be authorized and that Mr. Marion A. Wright, retiring President, be nominated to this office.

There were four vacancies on the Board. The following persons were nominated:

1. Philip G. Davidson, President
   University of Louisville
   Louisville, Kentucky

2. Charles F. Steele, Executive Director,
   Louisville Urban League

3. John B. Orr, Attorney
   Miami, Fla.

4. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Executive Director,
   Atlanta Urban League
   Atlanta, Georgia

Alternate

John G. Pollard, Jr., Farmer
Somers, Virginia

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council with the exception of the President who is retiring. For President, the Committee nominated Miss Josephine Wilkins, Atlanta, and as alternate Mr. Fred Darragh, Little Rock, Arkansas.

For the Executive Committee the Nominating Committee nominated the following:

1. Rufus E. Clement
2. J. M. Dabbs
3. Paul Christopher
4. John A. Griffin
5. Harry V. Richardson
6. Maurice V. Shean
7. Herbert M. Davidson
8. B. R. Brazeal
9. Duncan Hunter

Josephine Wilkins

For Nominating Committee the following persons were nominated:

1. J. M. Richards
2. B. E. Mays
3. C. G. Comillion

The Committee adjourned until 10 minutes prior to annual meeting on November 14, 1956, in order that it may have the privilege of altering nominations as listed above.

Nominating Committee
See

GSM

October 12, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will remember about Mr. Suritz. It may be too late to get him into the tiny list of persons likely to be elected November 14th, but after not too long, I think he will end up being asked to be on our Board!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations

1508 Lady Street
COLUMBIA, S. C.

October 11, 1956

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc
63 Auburn Av., N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

You will not think me presumptuous when I tell you that Mr. A. R. Suritz, member of the Rock Hill Council on Human Relations and also second vice-president of the SCCHR is eager to serve on the Southern Regional Council Board. Not being on the SRC Board, I do not feel confident to pass judgment on the type person you may wish to add at the coming annual meeting. Suffice it to say that Mr. Suritz has made a very enthusiastic and helpful member of our Board. I am sure that he would take seriously any responsibilities which might be placed upon him by membership on the SRC Board.

I am sure you will pass this on to the nominating committee with any recommendation you may see fit to make.

Sincerely,

Alice N. Spearman

Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director

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For Mr. G. H. Burney -

Notice that you are to write in the name of your substitute for John B. Orr.

Notice that you are nominating for reelection Marion A. Wright as President.

Notice that you had made a nomination to the Executive Committee to replace Josephine Wilkins when you proposed to make her President. As it now appears that she will not be President, it is assumed that your committee wishes to leave her on the Executive Committee.

Notice that in the nominations to the Executive Committee you are including the two names - E. R. Braseal and Rev. Duncan Hunter who had been brought on to the Executive Committee between Board Meetings (1956) by the Executive Committee itself. They are good nominees.

11/8/56

Nominating Comm
Board

Report of the Nominating Committee

Your committee was composed of I. H. Burney as chairman; W. Carroll Brooks and B. R. Brazeal and Mrs. E. U. Robinson and Guy Johnson.

The first three members of the committee met in Atlanta September 17th.

There were four vacancies on the Board. To these vacancies we make the following nominations:

1. Philip G. Davidson - Kentucky
2. Charles F. Steele - Kentucky
3.
4. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - Georgia

We named a single alternate - Mr. John G. Pollard, Jr., a farmer of Somers, Va.

For officers of the Southern Regional Council our nominations were not altered from the present officers, namely:

Marion A. Wright, President - North Carolina
Gordon B. Hancock, Vice-Pres. - Virginia
Albert W. Dent, Vice-Pres. - Louisiana
Carter Wesley, Vice-Pres. - Texas
Paul D. Williams, Vice-Pres. - Virginia

The members of this year's Nominating Committee who were able have met briefly again yesterday and have confirmed these nominations.

The By-Laws provide that the Executive Committee shall be composed of nine persons elected by this Board plus the officers of the Council.

We nominate for this nine persons on the Executive Committee:

1. Rufus E. Clement - Georgia
2. J. M. Dabbs - South Carolina
3. Paul Christopher - Tennessee
4. John A. Griffin - Georgia
5. Harry V. Richardson - Georgia
6. The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C.O. - South Carolina
7. Josephine Wilkins - Georgia
8. E. R. Brazeal - Georgia
9. The Rev. Mr. Duncan Hunter - Alabama

It is to be noted that the last two names are members of this Board as representatives of the Georgia and Alabama state organizations, respectively.

An additional duty is laid upon us as nominating to you three persons suitable to be members of next year's Nominating Committee. Two other persons will be put on the Nominating Committee at a later time by the Executive Committee. Our nominations to the Nominating Committee for next year are:

1. J. M. Richards
2. B. E. Mays
3. C. G. Gomillion

November 8, 1956

November 9, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Mr. I. H. Burney who is Chairman of the SRC Nominating Committee has requested that I notify the members of a meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at noon in Williamsburg. This meeting will be prior to the regular meeting of the board.

We will contact you in Williamsburg as to the place of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 9, 1956

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Burney:

I have your letter of November 7 in reference to a meeting of the Nominating Committee at noon on November 14 in Williamsburg. I am notifying the members to that effect today.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 9, 1956

Mr. W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Va.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

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November 9, 1956

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Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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Administrative Assistant

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Nominating Committee

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Nominations to the Board of SRC.

1. Philip G. Davidson - Kentucky
2. Charles F. Steele - Kentucky
3. (name of Mr. Burke deleted)
4. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - Georgia

November 14, 1956 Annual Meeting

Nominating Comm. Board

MEMORANDUM

To: GSM 12/7/56

From: GSA

The Council in its annual meeting at Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 15, 1956, nominated the following persons for vacancies on the board:

1. Dr. Philip G. Davidson, President
   University of Louisville
   Louisville, Kentucky

2. Mr. Charles F. Steel, Executive Director
   Louisville Urban League
   Louisville, Kentucky

3. Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Executive Director
   Atlanta Urban League
   239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
   Atlanta, Georgia

4. The Very Rev. Daniel J. Burke
   Albany
   Georgia

Alternate

Mr. John G. Pollard
Somers, Virginia

Nominations to Nominating Committee

1. J. M. Richards, President
   Columbia, Theological Seminary
   Decatur, Georgia

2. B. E. Mays
   Morehouse College
   Atlanta, Georgia

3. Mr. C. G. Gomillion
   Tuskegee Institute,
   Alabama

December 18, 1956

Mr. Philip G. Davidson
President
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I have the honor to notify you of your election to the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. The Board met November 14, 1956, at Williamsburg. They had only four vacancies and honored Louisville with elections to two of those places. One was to be you and one to be Mr. Steele.

Here is a list of the present membership of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. They are a distinguished company of thoughtful Southern people.

The Board meets once a year and is the final policy making body of the Council. As a matter of fact it is the Council. SRC has no members except its Board members; and a main function in the last some years has been assistance to the state organizations, which do have direct memberships. But the Council continues to have a broad and active policy role for the whole South.

It has customarily been possible for the show to cover the expenses of members to come to the annual meeting. The Executive Committee meets quarterly and thus the burden of intimate supervision of the Council staff, falls upon it. It is composed of the officers of the Council plus the following elected members:

B. R. Brazeal
Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
J. M. Dabbs
John A. Griffin
Joseph F. Haas - Counsel
Duncan Hunter
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
~~Carter Wesley~~ — v. pres.
Josephine Wilkins

The other two nominees were Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton of the Atlanta Urban League and a priest at Albany, Georgia.

Do consult about and learn what you will of the Council and let us know whether you find it possible to be on our Board. We all greatly hope that you will be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 18, 1956

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Grace:

The Board meeting at Williamsburg November 14th, did themselves the honor of electing you back on the Board of the Southern Regional Council. I don't have to write you all the long letter about what the Board is. Do please say you will serve. We all want you a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
encl.

December 18, 1956

Mr. Charles F. Steele
Louisville Urban League
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council met at Williamsburg in Virginia November 14th, and did themselves the honor of electing you to be on the Board. There weren't but four vacancies and they elected you and Mr. Davidson from Louisville and Grace Hamilton and a priest. So the Urban League got two and Louisville got two.

The Board only meets once a year. It is the main policy setting body for the whole show. I confess that there is an Executive Committee that runs the staff between Board meetings; but the Board is the real thing. So far, with one sad exception, we have always found the money to pay for the Board members to get to the meeting. I send you a list of everybody else on the Board.

This is a distinguished company of thoughtful people and I hope you will be a good egg and come along and join them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

December 18, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I await with some need for speed the name of the fourth person elected to the Board at Williamsburg November 14th. You will recall that you were to consult about and let us know. The Committee had brought in Father Burke, but it was agreed that the final nomination would be deferred to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 20, 1956

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

These days we are so efficient that the Board at its annual meeting picks a Nominating Committee against the next year's annual meeting!

The Williamsburg meeting on November 14th elected to the Nominating Committee Mr. Richards at the Seminary in Decatur, Mr. Mays, and Mr. Gomillion. These three get two more added to them by appointment of the Executive Committee. And the five man Nominating Committee has to meet a month ahead of the 1957 Board meeting and pick some new directors and officers and Executive Committee members, etc.

'Tis no terrible burden, but it does take most of an afternoon.

You would help us all greatly if you would be so kind as to serve.

I have become almost too accustomed to leaning upon your sincerity. You have latitude to duck this one; but please don't.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

12/20/56

HCF:

In accordance with the elections at the Williamsburg meeting November 14th, I have requested to serve on our Board, Davidson at Louisville, Steele at Louisville, and Grace T. Hamilton in Atlanta.

I have also asked Richards in Decatur, Benny Mays in Atlanta, and Dean Gomillion at Tuskegee to be on our next year's Nominating Committee. I have not reached Paul Williams by phone, but I have written to ask him to tell me quicko whom we are to invite in Paul's interest.

Assuming that responses from these persons are available by or before January 15th, I will wrap up this election business. And Mrs. Brantley has a tickler to remind me of any scraps of it which may be hanging over for you January 16th.

GSM

GM

December 20, 1956

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

Added small burden, please, to ask of you.

You got elected to the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council. The Board met November 14th at Williamsburg and so elected you. The other two elected were Richards at the Seminary in Decatur and Mr. Gomillion at Tuskegee. That makes three elected by the Board. The Executive Committee names two. And that completes a Nominating Committee of five.

The Nominating Committee only has to do one thing. She meets (as you have cause to know) better than a month before the 1957 Board meeting and picks the people to be up for election to the Board and as officers and to the Executive Committee, etc. This is no great burden but it does take the better part of an afternoon.

You have served most skillfully on this in the past and while it is a good deal to ask, I do earnestly ask you to take on the job this year.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

December 21, 1956

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I depend upon you to fish this through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - cc: of ltr to Walter Reuther
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MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Mr Bond

December 21, 1956

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

I shall be glad to serve on the Nominating Committee of the Southern Regional Council with the persons indicated in your letter of December 20.

With kindest regards and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays

Benjamin E. Mays
President

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Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
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OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

December 27, 1956

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director, SRC, Inc.
Room 432. 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I have your letter of December 20, informing me of my election on November 14 to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee of the Council. I shall be happy to serve with Messrs. Richards and Mays and the two persons to be appointed by the Executive Committee.

I regret that you are leaving the Council but hope that you will find pleasure and experience success in your new undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

CGG:m

Louisville Urban League

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Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Thanks very much for the honor that the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council bestowed upon me by electing me to your Board.

I will be most happy to accept, and as you say join a distinguished company of thoughtful people.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charlie

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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January 3, 1957

Very Reverend M. V. Shean
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

I am working on Paul Williams to bring in the nominee to succeed you. Spiritually I think you are not succeeded, so I send you the current quarterly report anyhow.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SRC BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE NOVEMBER 1957

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I. Ex-Officio Members (State Representatives)

1.	Mrs. Nanie B. Aycox	N	Educator	Professor Texas Southern University Houston, Texas
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3.	B. R. Brazeal	N	Educator	Academic Dean Morehouse College Atlanta, Georgia
4.	W. C. Brooke	W	Clergyman	The Episcopal Church Staunton, Virginia
5.	C. S. Cartwright	W	Clergyman	The Disciple of Christ Church Little Rock, Arkansas
6.	Mrs. James S. Crate	W	Church and Civic Leader	Houston, Texas
7.	Caxton Doggett	W	Clergyman	The Methodist Church Winter Park, Florida
8.	J. M. Ellison	N	Educator	Chancellor Virginia Union University Richmond, Virginia
9.	Duncan Hunter	W	Clergyman	The Methodist Church Alexander City, Alabama
10.	A. L. Kidd	N	Educator	Professor and Ass't. Dean Florida A. & M. University Tallahassee, Florida
11.	John R. Larkins	N	Welfare Executive	State Board of Charities & Social Welfare - Raleigh, N.C.
12.	Eugene P. McManus	W	Clergyman	The Catholic Church New Orleans, Louisiana
13.	A. C. Miller	W	Clergyman	Executive Director Christian Life Commission - Southern Baptist Convention Nashville, Tennessee

Ex-Officio Members (State Representatives) - continued.

14.	E. C. Peters	W	Educator	Retired President - Paine College - Atlanta, Georgia
15.	Numa J. Rousseve	N	Businessman	New Orleans, Louisiana
16.	Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg	W	Newspaper-woman	Sunday Editor The Courier Journal Louisville, Kentucky
17.	Courtney Siceloff	W	Social Agency Executive	Director Penn Community Center Frogmore, South Carolina
18.	H. C. Trenholm	N	Educator	President Alabama State College Montgomery, Alabama
19.	Raymond Wheeler	W	Medical Doctor	Charlotte, North Carolina
20.	Mrs. Morris Young	N	Civic Leader	Anderson, South Carolina
21.	Whitney Young, Sr.	N	Educator	President Lincoln Institute Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky

II. Regular Board Members

1.	Ulysses S. Bond	N	Planter	Madison, Arkansas
2.	I. H. Burney	N	Insurance Executive	Secretary - Afro American Life Insurance Company Jacksonville, Florida
3.	Hodding Carter	W	Editor	Delta-Democrat-Times Greenville, Mississippi
4.	Rufus E. Clement	N	Educator	President Atlanta University Atlanta, Georgia
5.	Rt. Rev. C. Clingman	W	Clergyman	Bishop - The Episcopal Church (Retired), Louisville, Ky.
6.	Jerome Crossman	W	Business-man	President Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation - Dallas, Tex.

Regular Board Members - continued

7.	S. Thomas Friedman	W	Social Worker	Houston, Texas
8.	Philip Hammer	W	Consultant Economist	Hamer and Company Atlanta, Georgia
9.	Guy B. Johnson	W	Educator	Professor of Sociology University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, North Carolina
10.	Z. A. Looby	N	Attorney	Nashville, Tennessee
11.	Benjamin E. Mays	N	Educator	President Morehouse College Atlanta, Georgia
12.	John McCann	W	Business-man	New Orleans, Louisiana
13.	L. D. Milton	N	Banker	President Citizens Trust Company Atlanta, Georgia
14.	A. G. Moron	N	Educator	President Hampton Institute Hampton, Virginia
15.	J. L. Reddix	N	Educator	President Jackson College Jackson, Mississippi
16.	Hollis Rinehart	W	Attorney	Member of State Board of Control Miami, Florida
17.	Mrs. E. U. Robinson	W	Church Leader	Gallatin, Tennessee
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Regular Board Members - continued

22.	Paul D. Williams	W	Business-man (Former President, SRC)	Richmond, Virginia
23.	Thomas W. Young	N	Publisher	President and General Manager The Journal and Guide Norfolk, Virginia

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August 28, 1957

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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Nominating Committee 1955-56

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
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PERSONS SUGGESTED FOR SRC BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Walter Sharp, Nashville, Tennessee. Dept., Fine Arts, Vanderbilt

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Paul Green, Chapel Hill, N.C. Playwright

Fred Darragh, Little Rock, Arkansas. Businessman

~~Morris Abram, Atlanta, Georgia, Lawyer~~

Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem, N.C. Lawyer

Riley B. Montgomery, Lexington, Kentucky. President, College of the Bible

Merrimon Cunningim, Dallas, Texas. Dean, School of Theology, SMU

William Faulkner, Oxford, Mississippi. Novelist

Benjamin Muse, Manassas, Virginia. Newspaperman and former Congressman

Lambert Davis, Chapel Hill, N.C. Director U.N.C. Press

John B. Orr, Miami, Florida. State legislator

Winthrop Rockefeller, Winrock Farm, Arkansas. Farmer and industrialist

Henry Louttit, Orlando, Florida. Episcopal Bishop

R. P. Daniel, Petersburg, Virginia. President, Virginia State College

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, Atlanta, Georgia

Rabbi Emil Leipziger, New Orleans, Louisiana

William Baggs, Miami, Florida. Editor, Miami Daily News

Camille Gravel, New Orleans, Louisiana. Lawyer and Democratic Committeeman

Richard Trippeer, Memphis, Tennessee. President, Memphis Chamber of Commerce

James Stokely, Newport, Tennessee. Writer

Guy H. Wells, Atlanta, Georgia. Former president, GSCW

Edwin Dunnaway, Little Rock, Arkansas. Lawyer

Harold Kilpatrick, Austin, Texas. Director, Texas Council of Churches

Edward Driscoll, Atlanta, Georgia. Executive Secretary, Georgia Council of Churches

Dean Ferguson, Milsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

Nelson Poynter, St. Petersburg, Florida. Editor, Times

Stanley Marcus, Dallas, Texas. Department store executive

Archbishop Robert Lucey, San Antonio, Texas. Catholic clergyman

Bishop Noland B. Harmon, Charlotte, N.C. Methodist

Dr. John Rustin, Belmont Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Lester Rumble, Atlanta, Georgia. District Superintendent, Methodist Church

Dow Kirkpatrick, Atlanta, Georgia. Methodist minister

Dr. Claude Thompson, Atlanta, Georgia. Emory University School of Theology

Atlanta, Georgia
April 13, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with comments comprise our report:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Financial Condition, March 31, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Operating Fund
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
SCHEDULE 3- Schedule of Contributions

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $14,378.09
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $37,104.52

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31, 1956, were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories. The Special Projects account includes $20,182.70 belonging to the Fact-Finding Program.

State Organizations' Savings - $89,409.60

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations, which are invested in U. S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,817.30

This also represents funds invested in U. S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2,352.20

This represents unpaid withholding taxes and old-age benefit taxes for both the Central Office and State Organizations for March, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $1,000.00

This represents funds received from the Fund for the Republic for printing and distributing a pamphlet in cooperation with the Southern Historical Society.

Due to Special Projects - $754.18

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D reflects the receipts and disbursements for the Fellowship of the Concerned fund.

Advance Appropriations - $125,000.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers the next six months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers the next nine months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central Office of $19,822.08, and disbursements of $23,852.96, or an excess of disbursements over receipts of $4,030.88.

It should be noted that the $50,000.00 shown under receipts for State Organizations is for a special purpose - Fact-Finding Program. The allocation of the appropriation from the Fund for the Republic for the three months is $28,125.00, which is not shown on Exhibit C, since it was received in 1955. The expenses for the period were $36,868.83, thus reflecting an excess of expenses over income of $8,743.83.

In our opinion the attached Statement of Financial Condition and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at March 31, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-months period then ended.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
March 31, 1956

ASSETS

Cash in Bank - Central Office (Sch.1)	$ 14,378.09	
Cash in Bank - Special Projects (Sch.2)	37,104.52	
State Organizations' Savings	89,409.60	
Accounts Receivable - Literature	80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings	29,817.30	
Total Assets		$ 172,019.51

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,352.20	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.17	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	413.11		
Southern Historical Society	1,000.00	1,754.18	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	75,000.00		
Fact-Finding Program	50,000.00	125,000.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 129,109.55
Surplus, March 31, 1956			42,909.96
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 172,019.51

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (see Schedule 3)	$ 16,709.00		
Members Dues	205.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,402.50		
Sale of Literature	194.48		
Accounts Receivable - Literature	4.00		
Fund for the Republic (see Comments)	1,000.00		
Honoraria	107.10		
Commission on Race and Housing	200.00	$ 19,822.08	
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1956		18,408.97	
Total Receipts			$ 38,231.05

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	14,368.55	
Travel	1,926.21	
Printing - other than New South	129.63	
Rent	420.00	
Printing and Postage - New South	1,598.51	
Telephone and Telegraph	516.10	
Postage	301.51	
Consultant Fees	455.00	
Special Services	32.50	
Accounting Services	120.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	164.74	
Books and Subscriptions	154.22	
Accounts Payable - 1955	1,793.02	
Georgia Sales Tax	3.01	
Office Supplies	277.26	
Office Equipment	397.58	
Commission on Race and Housing	25.50	
Miscellaneous	2.85	
Social Security Taxes	199.68	
Withholding Taxes - 1955	754.10	
Fact-Finding Program	212.99	
Total Disbursements		23,852.96
Balance, March 31, 1956		$ 14,378.09

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Fund for the Republic - Fact-Finding Program	$ 50,000.00	
Interest Income	590.40	$ 50,590.40
Balance in Bank, January 1, 1956		52,446.07
Total Receipts		$103,036.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 28,271.62	
Consultant Fees	1,016.05	
Travel	46.52	
Local Expenses	500.00	
Miscellaneous	53.25	
Consultants' Training Program	2,553.65	
Irene Osborne	708.98	
John Hope II	2,211.26	
Withholding Taxes - 1955	1,133.96	
Social Security Taxes	373.54	
Total Disbursements		36,868.83
		$ 66,167.64

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 36,350.34
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,817.30
	$ 66,167.64

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1956		$ 807.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	$ 10.00	
Travel	384.13	394.13
Balance, March 31, 1956		$ 413.11

EXHIBIT D

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank

Atlanta, Georgia

March 31, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 16,085.37
Less: Outstanding Checks:		
Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	
7570	16.00	
7571	5.00	
7573	38.12	
7576	78.29	
7577	354.54	
7578	247.73	
7579	237.73	
7580	185.67	
7581	204.10	
7585	104.80	
7588	29.78	
7589	23.03	
7590	40.00	
7591	134.70	1,707.28
Balance per Books, March 31, 1956		$ 14,378.09

SCHEDULE 1

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
Atlanta, Georgia
March 31, 1956

Balance per Bank $ 43,384.68
Less: Outstanding Checks:

Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
1962	$ 7.20	2760	$ 187.26	
2697	177.26	2761	44.80	
2710	20.00	2762	182.26	
2720	344.53	2763	84.80	
2726	595.00	2764	172.26	
2727	98.21	2765	88.19	
2730	35.00	2766	98.19	
2732	70.00	2767	73.95	
2733	70.00	2768	187.26	
2739	150.71	2769	182.26	
2740	54.51	2770	93.19	
2741	55.26	2771	177.26	
2742	48.76	2772	182.26	
2743	54.51	2773	83.19	
2744	10.28	2774	88.19	
2745	3.00	2775	172.26	
2748	182.26	2776	102.09	
2749	84.80	2777	187.26	
2750	182.26	2778	83.19	
2751	197.26	2779	44.00	
2752	82.79	2780	49.00	
2753	192.26	2781	139.22	
2754	177.26	2782	5.53	
2755	88.19	2783	45.55	
2756	182.26	2784	100.00	
2757	100.17	2785	20.00	
		2786	143.00	$ 6,280.16

Balance per Books, March 31, 1956 $ 37,104.52

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

January 1 to March 31, 1956

CONTRIBUTIONS

INDIVIDUALS		$ 909.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Steelworkers of America	$ 1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union	500.00	
Community Workshop Association	100.00	1,600.00
CHURCHES:		
National Council of Protestant Episcopal Church	1,000.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church	250.00	
The General Board of Education of the Methodist Church	300.00	
Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church	250.00	1,800.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
The Doris Duke Foundation	7,000.00	
The Marshall Field Foundation	5,000.00	
The Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100.00	12,400.00
Total Contributions, March 31, 1956		$16,709.00

SCHEDULE 3

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

April 20, 1956

To All SRC Board Members:

Another Quarterly Report.

The job needs everybody's thinking. Comments to Marion Wright or to us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 20, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here is some account of the months of January, February, and March, 1956.

TROUBLES

This has been the period of the flowering of the counter-attack from some layers in the South. The campaign was touched off by the article in the January, 1956 issue of Harper's by the Charleston editor, Tom Waring. The argument there was that the South's side of the argument had not been put. One by one considerable organs of national opinion began to hint that the court had gone too far and that the South was not ready and that the nation ought to ease up and be considerate. Meanwhile the Southern campaign against the NAACP which had thitherto been confined to muttered abuses in the vein of Gerald L. K. Smith and Co. went respectable. The best papers began to say that the South was caught between the two extremes of the Citizens Councils and the NAACP and needed cessation of activity of both. Then the leading political figures of the day said what was called for was moderation.

All of which adds up to pushing the point of view that the Court's decision is unenforceable -- at any rate now.

We have done what we could to steer the South and people from Northern journals toward progress instead of toward inaction.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LETTER

It has been for some time our view that compliance with the Supreme Court's decision would bring economic growth to the South and that defiance would bring industrial doldrums. As defiance mounted in pitch we thought it time to get our doctrine more widely into circulation. Accordingly, we released on March 5 an open letter to State Presidents of Chambers of Commerce in the seven Southern states that seemed to us more recalcitrant.

We spoke of the absence of leadership on the side of calmness, considerateness and good will.... of public policies on segregation dictated by fear and hysteria.... of defiance, resistance, nullification, repression, and intimidation. We went on to praise industrialization and questioned whether new industry sought by the South would be eager to build expensive plants in areas where the existence of public schools was in doubt, where tension and violence existed...., etc.

"Can the South hope to take its rightful place in economic, religious, cultural, and political councils while our leadership seeks to isolate us from the rest of the nation and the world?

"If the South is to continue to progress as a modern industrial society, we must meet the great question of our time with maturity and responsibility. We must, as a reasonable people, weigh the alternatives before us calmly and realistically, giving full consideration to their consequences.

"For each Southern community there is a wise, workable program, neither rebellious nor precipitate, which sensible local people can agree upon. They will need to work together to find the facts, and then they will reach a decision together."

The release timed for March 5 got good play in the Southern press and started a ripple of interest in that point of view. At any rate only a few days later the New York Times came out with an important story about industry which had thought of branching out in the South, holding off; and a few days after that a widely-read columnist, Sylvia Porter, spoke quite vigorously of the economic stagnation involved in the course the South was charting. Here or there business people have counter-grumbled that Northern industry seems more anxious to come than ever!

HERE AND THERE

In the travel line, we have serviced toward desegregation Bluefield, West Virginia; a major gathering of Methodist ladies at New Orleans; a large local of Steelworkers in East Tennessee; local Church groups in Atlanta, and some other cities; our own Texas State annual meeting; and similar meetings at North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi; and an advisory group at Highlander Folk School.

Mrs. Tilly has been at her most diligent and effective these last three months, in a time of special strain across the South.

With careful planning ahead-of-time she has met with selective groups of Church women in Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, South Carolina, and Alabama. In all these meetings she got to well over 1500 people.

And some of the meetings were specifically to plan numbers of local meetings which would follow up ideas brought out at the Statewide meetings.

The Alabama meeting was at Montgomery and leading personalities in the bus boycott were participants. The theme of the meeting was building bridges of understanding across racial lines. Mrs. Tilly said that as you listened you felt you were in the presence not exactly of Christians in the first century but of "the first Christians of this century." These were meetings and travel enough; but she squeezed in a Tennessee meeting of the United Church Women, a Brotherhood meeting at Emory University in Atlanta, a retreat at a white college in Northern Georgia, and heavy shares in a couple of denominational conferences in Atlanta. And in addition taught ten classes at local Churches, in World Peace.

We have all along said that when integration occurs it will be because the Church women of the South want it. Mrs. Tilly is doing more than anybody else to get them to want it.

Irene Osborne in this three month period has done carefully pre-arranged travel to our State people in Virginia, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama. In most places local friends make arrangements for her to be in touch with leaders of public opinion and in quite a few places with school officials. Everywhere she was eagerly accepted and she gave a straight practical message on how you get schools together. I think that one of the best things we have done is to get her sent around and heard.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At long last we have got the groundwork for a Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the SRC. Those members from the Southwest met in New Orleans, March 9. Those from the Southeast in Atlanta, March 16. They all agreed that in each State something around two thousand dollars should be fetched together by them - one thousand for the office in Atlanta and one thousand for their own State organization. Performance is another matter, but we shall hope for the best.

WHAT THIS OFFICE DOES

An old friend came in. District organizer for the Steelworkers. Trouble on his hands in Chattanooga and Charleston. The viewpoint of the White Citizens' Council has got into the locals. How can he rescue the locals?

By showing him analogous situations on a good many other fronts we brought him around to where he could see daylight in his own two situations.

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Same day came in a man from the National office of the Urban League, Word is being put around in Southern city after city where local Urban Leagues depend on the Community Chest for support, that the Urban League helps get colored people into white people's jobs and that nobody should give to the Community Chest and expressed view that workers should refuse to solicit funds. Man wanted to know what to do.

Mostly on that we could only commiserate. But obviously the time will come when the nation will want to know the truth about the rabble rousers who spread this sort of thing.

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A good friend writes in from Kentucky. "What time schedule should we propose for desegregation?" Wrote the man that it is no business of ours to say when American citizens should enjoy their rights. All we can do is contrive local meetings of white and Negro persons. Two weeks later get a letter from the man. Had been to a conference of his friends. "We decided that rather than talking about a time schedule.... the better approach is to consider the methods that are used. Consequently I must agree with you that a time schedule is the wrong approach."

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An agency having supervision of important foreign visitors had steered a group to a Southern State and was having difficulty in arranging with local authorities any contact with the Negro community. Called us for advice. Arranged satisfactory contact in the next city to which the group went.

PEOPLE WANT INFORMATION

Naturally we get a steady stream of letters asking for facts. Nearly half from students. The rest from teachers, Church people and human relations agencies, or just plain individuals. Most of the high school inquiries come out of the Northeast and Northwest.

Here is a not too learned postcard from Brenda Yoes on East 169th Street in New York:

> Dear Sirs: our class 6-2 is having a debate on segregation I would like to know how you feel about it.

Or another from Brooklyn:

> Dear sir: May I please have some information on the Negroes?

A nice young lady sends information to all and sundry.

Ten or twelve people come by each week to pick up items of literature.

Two or three quite special letters every month. Here was a minister in Little Rock who wanted to know every town in the South which had bi-racial advisory committees on schools. We are much used as a source of information on how far things have gotten elsewhere in the South.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I asked Mr. Alexander to make a list of the sort of things he has been doing.

He helped with getting up regional budget figures for meetings of the Executive Committee. Put together a batch of letters for Mr. Rufus Clement to send out to ask Board members to chip in and help with money. Took entire charge of servicing the Nominating Committee; and did most of the work of inviting the newly elected persons to come onto the Board. Makes all arrangements for meetings of the Executive Committee. Ditto the Finance Committee. Permanent opposite number in Atlanta for John Hope who runs the new training program - that is to say, the Administrative Assistant does all the chores for a program proceeding right across the South.

IN THE STATES

ALABAMA

Staff worked closely with national press in Miss Lucy affair and Montgomery bus boycott. Helped activate student religious organizations at University of Alabama to maintain law and order.

ARKANSAS

Staff and Board working on lost economic opportunities due to activities of pro-segregationists; State Board of Economic Development shows interest. SRC consultant team help workshop with staff and Board.

FLORIDA

Board working on grass roots membership drive. Open letter written to Florida Congressional delegation regretting signing of "Manifesto." Staff working with ministerial groups toward integration of same.

GEORGIA

Guy Wells, Executive Director, under fire from two State agencies. Title of President Emeritus of Georgia State College for Women lifted without hearing by State Board of Regents; State Department of Education moved against his retirement fund, foiled by ruling of State Teachers' Retirement Fund Board upholding his right to freedom of speech. Atlanta Committee taking on new blood and new life.

KENTUCKY

Galen A. Martin, formerly Assistant Coordinator of the Electrical Consumers Information Committee (Washington, D.C.) employed as Executive Director. Extensive use of consultants with desegregating school systems underway.

LOUISIANA

New Orleans Committee issued statement following decision of District Federal Court holding State segregation laws unconstitutional; called for sober thought and honest action. Lake Charles local unit activated.

MISSISSIPPI

New President elected, Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, widow of prominent Delta planter. Rough situation in State has necessitated quiet action by staff and Board in contacting key people.

NORTH CAROLINA

Staff seeking cooperative effort with AFSC in western counties. Putting out topnotch newsletter. Interviews with school superintendents and advisory committees continuing. Dr. Frank Graham to speak at annual meeting.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Staff doing excellent job of documenting economic reprisals. Board member acting as conscience of S. C. through Letters-to-the-Editor. Work with women's groups continues. Second most difficult State in the South.

TENNESSEE

In process of reorganizing Board; seeking Executive Director; will continue consultant program. Local units active in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville.

TEXAS

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe employed to replace Tom Sutherland who resigned as Executive Director. Rev. Kloppe on half-time basis. Working closely with organized labor and Texas Council of Churches.

VIRGINIA

Staff and Board recuperated from Gray Amendment fight. Working closely with Virginia Council of Churches and Labor. Executive Director writing for national publications. Local affiliates being organized.

WHAT GETS CALLED TRAINING

Apology for the name; we don't like it, but we don't know what else to call it.

We explained a long time ago that one of the next major moves is to bend social science people, Negro and white, in the South to the task of putting the schools together.

And we wanted to do this wherever we could in the presence of leading ones of our State people. That would be a device for getting skills into the hands of lay people. We always knew, on the side, that doing this would sharpen the skills in the hands of social science people.

The Fund for the Republic couldn't help us on getting this launched. We commandeered what was left of last year's State balance and set up $12,000 for giving this a try. To date we have spent six or seven thousand and can run it through May.

We got hold of Mr. John Hope to be a part-time Assistant Director of SRC and to run this program. He has been hooked to Fisk University for a good many years and most lately has been compiling for a Southern wing of the National Planning Association a notable series of reports on the degree to which integration had penetrated industrial employment in the South. (No great degree I may say). John's father was the first president of Atlanta University and John himself is a judicious man who gets things done. He got to work in December, 1955, and built a panel of consultants. Here they are:

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Assistant Professor of Psychology, City College of New York; Associate Director, Northside Center for Child Development, New York.

Dr. A. Lee Coleman, Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Robert Johnson, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. William Jones, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr. Lewis M. Killian, Department of Sociology, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dr. Hylan Lewis, Department of Sociology, Atlanta University Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Bonita Valien, Department of Sociology, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Harry J. Walker, Department of Sociology, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Dr. G. D. Wilson, Department of Education, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mr. Whitney Young, Jr., Dean, Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee, 104 "C" Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

These people are available to us at thirty-five dollars a day, plus expenses.

The first purpose is to use them in panels to interchange ideas with our State people.

We have had three such meetings: Virginia, Arkansas, Texas. Total of fifty-five Board members came to the three meetings. Three such panels of consultants were used. Of the six consultants, five were Negro, one was white. From compressed accounts of those meetings I lift a phrase here and there... Chemical-like change took place when specialists and lay persons sat down together.... The consultants never said what to do but would ask, "Have you thought of trying this...." How do you work in a rural area where there isn't regular community organization structure....? How do we know when publicity is helpful, hurtful?.... Consultants deftly queried the group ostensibly for clarification but also to break the problem into manageable parts for constructive and systematic discussion next day.... It was a difficult meeting to close..... So you can see what goes on.

Then for a further thrust of the same thing we fetched together late in March Board people and the State paid staffs from the toughest States: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina. This we called the "Hard Core Conference."

A most instructive occasion. The pith of the argument came down to whether in pursuit of conciliation of disputes racial in character our State staff would be well advised, in denial of any purpose to destroy segregation, to conciliate at all costs. Some said, "Never deny your principles." Others said, "Well, you don't have to go around with a six-inch button on your coat which says: 'Jim Crow Must Go.' Your task is to take what you have and make what you need. Without denying one's principles one can build the new society."

That wasn't quite as far as I and some others would have gone, but you see the tendency. And the beautiful thing about this meeting and the other meetings of the consultants we have had in Atlanta (and elsewhere) was that these eager, sensitively-trained consultants sensed from afar workable, practical solutions. One or two in their number said in effect, "You speak of compromise. There can be no compromise. The law is the law and people must obey." Such statements were met with stony glances. Delicious to see unfolding purpose to take away the rocks.

HAROLD C. FLEMING

January-March, 1956

Press Relations

During these three months, the SRC's work of assisting newsmen, magazines, radio and TV was the heaviest in its history. Tension and conflict in the South have given "outside" reporters an incentive to understand and interpret the region in more depth than in the past. Hence, we have had increased opportunity to get helpful background and analysis into the mass media.

New York Times Survey

SRC staff contributed to both the initial planning and final evaluation of the Times' nine-man survey of the South. We consulted and advised on the overall project. Each of our State affiliates was alerted in advance and cooperated fully with the Times man assigned to the respective State. We think it was an important and useful treatment and are glad to have had a part in shaping it.

Montgomery and Tuscaloosa

The Alabama Council on Human Relations (most particularly its Director, Robert Hughes) played an invaluable part in aiding sound press coverage of the disturbed Alabama scene. Hughes was on the spot during the crucial developments in Montgomery and Tuscaloosa; put newsmen in touch with bona fide Negro leadership and interracial activities. He also quietly assisted student religious groups at the University in organizing and expressing positive campus sentiment. During the height of the disturbances, the central staff was in frequent communication with Hughes. One of the Alabama Council's leading members, the Rev. Thomas B. Thrasher, wrote an excellent article on the Montgomery situation for the March 8 issue of The Reporter.

New York Trip

The Assistant Director for Information spent three days in New York in mid-February, on various missions. Most useful perhaps were background conferences on Southern coverage with the editorial staff of Life, Edward R. Murrow and Fred Friendly for See It Now, Phil Horton of The Reporter, and the education editor of Time.

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The Economic Factor

SRC has long been aware of potential economic restraints on Southern resistance and has sought opportunities to call them to public attention. The current focus on the South provided a good chance. On March 5, the SRC issued a publicized statement addressed to Southern Chambers of Commerce pointing out the danger to the South's economy of the present defiant course. This danger, in terms of industrial recruitment, school-bond marketing, and business boycotts, has since been spelled out in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Business Week, and Sylvia Porter's syndicated column. SRC worked with correspondents for these publications and is now disseminating articles in an effort to mobilize constructive leadership in the business community.

Wells Case

As reported elsewhere, Dr. Guy Wells of the Georgia Committee was the object of a major attack by Georgia's pro-segregation leadership. SRC's information staff worked closely with Dr. Wells on press relations, with generally gratifying results.

Other major briefings included representatives of the Associated Press, United Press, AP News features, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, McNaught Syndicate, Minneapolis Tribune, Newsweek, Time's Southeastern Bureau, New Republic, Southern School News, CBS, London Economist, Look, and several Southern dailies. George Martin of the Fund for the Republic's Newsfilm Project spent several days here and in Alabana, assisting and being assisted by us. We are in frequent communication with Martin and his assistant regarding race-relations developments in the South.

Special Fact-Finding Program

The program assisted by a grant of $50,000 from the Fund for the Republic on February 15, 1956, is under way. It was decided that a speedy inventory of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border States should go forward before the basic machinery of the program was perfected. Accordingly, the Assistant Director for Information and the Research Assistant have given this effort top priority, and a temporary staff member has been added to assist in it. She is Mrs. Bem Price, now of Washington, D.C., formerly with the Associated Press bureau in Atlanta. Mrs. Price's years of experience as a wire service reporter and in public relations work have equipped her well to help us assemble this information. In addition to her field work, we have sent mail queries to each of our State affiliates and to other likely sources.

Central staff conferred in February with Mr. David Loth, who has received a Fund for the Republic grant to do a comparable desegregation inventory for the non-South. We worked out with Mr. Loth a fact-finding schedule which we believe will make possible ultimately a joint publication of the two reports. It is already clear, however, that some of the Southern

data will have to be summarized without using names and places, since the principals involved feel that publicity would jeopardize the success of their efforts.

The desegregation inventory and the recent extraordinary demands of press relations have made it impossible to proceed at full speed on the setting up of the fact-finding machinery in the States. However, we have assembled the names of likely social analysts and, in several cases, have had preliminary discussion with them. Late in March, the Assistant Director for Information held a two-day conference with Prof. Nicholas Demerath of the University of North Carolina, Prof. Mozell Hill of Atlanta University, Prof. C. H. Parrish, and other SRC staff members on the fact-finding program. We are now going forward with the plans developed: (1) Southwide survey of Negro suffrage as priority number one; (2) selection of six strategically located social scientists to serve as coordinators for their areas; (3) a top-flight specialist on suffrage in the South as a central adviser. Demerath has agreed to channel the views of his colleagues in the research field to us and to serve, from time to time, as a consultant to the program. The suffrage project should be well advanced by the time of the next quarterly report.

Publications

The normal flow of materials from SRC to the State groups and key persons in the South continues. New South shows a steady rise in circulation; approximately 5,000 copies are consumed in a normal month. The article by Howard Grimes describing integration in the SMU Theological School (February issue) won particular plaudits; it was distributed by the Friends Service Committee to two-hundred selected educators in the South, and rated a special story in the New York Times. In response to requests from our State groups, a pamphlet has been issued reprinting the two Supreme Court school decisions, with an analysis by Robert Leflar. Other materials of special interest or program use continue to be distributed through our State groups and otherwise.

FOREIGN VISITORS

For the record again, the foreign visitors:

Mr. Frank Tomney, Labor Party Representative, British Parliament.

Mr. Keith Kyle, Foreign Correspondent for The Economist (London).

Miss Susan King-Hall, Journalist, England.

Miss Sqrwat Qureshi, Chief Welfare Officer, Thal Development Authority, Jauharabad, Pakistan.

Mr. Toshimitsu Fukada - Editor Nishinippon Shimbun, Fukuoka, Japan.

Mr. Takashi Suzuki, Aichi Prefecture of Central Japan, Managing Editor of the Chubu Nippon Shimbun, Toyohashi City, Japan.

Mr. Seetaka Hatanaka, President Minami-Nippon Shimbun and Radio Minaminippon.

Mr. Shiro Shimada, Chief Editor and Chief of the Reporting Department, Kumamoto Nichinichi Shimbun, Kumamoto City, Japan.

Dr. O. D. Wollheim, Chairman of the Liberal Party, Capetown, South Africa.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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Post Office Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia
Fifth of January
Nineteen Fifty-Six

Director George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Dr. Mitchell:

By this you may know that I am recovering-slowly but surely I hope from a very dangerous and complicated operation in Johns Hopkins Hospital. Since the middle of October I have been incapacitated and have had to sacrifice all activities of a public nature. I have hated to let go by default my immediate services to the Southern Regional Council. You can understand my anxieties pertaining thereto only by considering my deep interest and devotion to our common cause. I have hated to miss the meetings and especially have I hated to be unable to raise the financial quota assigned to the membership of the Board. But with an aggravated ailment of many weeks to be climaxed with a serious operation and hospital confinement I had no other choice than to take to the sidelines and wait and hope for recovery. I hope I am again on the road to good health. My heart is with you and the good men and women who are carrying on with such vigor and courage under circumstances which most certainly try your souls.

I hope you and the others will not be too greatly dismayed at the irresponsible attacks currently being made on the SRC. We are willing to pay the price of rendering the service to the South and nation we are undertaking. There is a might in Right that cannot be denied and in this we rest our case. Tell my comrades in the service that my heart is in every activity that promises ultimate victory.

Yours very kindly,

(signed)
Gordon B Hancock

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

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January 6, 1956

Dear Board Member:

For some time we have sent out to you each quarter a general report on the Council's work. Here is the report for the three months ending December 31, 1955.

We need the help of your wishes on program and on the way the Council is operated. Letters to me or to Marion Wright at Linville Fall, N. C. will be deeply welcomed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

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QUARTERLY REPORT
October, November, December, 1955

Hither and Thither

The quarter had a bit less than the usual amount of outside speechmaking and visiting. For labor groups, George Mitchell talked to an A.F. of L. school on a Saturday in Miami, and to a CIO-organized Nashville conference on labor and segregation. For Church bodies, he met with the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church (meeting nationally) at New York, and later on at the Southwest sub-meeting, at Fort Worth; for the Presbyterian Women from the South; attended a National Conference at Cleveland on the Churches and Social Welfare; and talked to the men's club at an Atlanta suburban Church. In the College line, he spent some hours with a touring group of Colgate students, at Georgia Tech; met with a religious interest Club at the University of Georgia; talked at Agnes Scott College; and appeared for a Human Relations Institute at Spring Hill College, in Mobile.

Fred Routh made trips out to Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and North Carolina. His travels these days involve unravelling complicated matters; it seems much more difficult to keep an organization going in a balanced way than to set one up again.

He went to Milwaukee to the meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, and came back a full member of its Board, as well as a be-praised speech-maker.

Attacks Redoubled

October was a month in which our cordial disliker, Mr. Roy Harris, of Augusta, warmed up his anger, and poured out abuse of SRC again, as he had done a year before. Mr. Harris has permitted himself to be convinced by so-called "researchers" that SRC is the descendant of the former Southern Conference for Human Welfare (which lived noisily 1938-49); whereas SRC was set up in 1944 in obvious difference from the SCHW approach. Mr. Harris began beating this and related abusive drums, and on one occasion did a typical Georgia trick: published in his paper our SRC office 'phone number. Promptly we had a rash of Kluxy calls, wishing to know if we had a "mixed" staff (which we owned); and loudly denouncing us for a bunch of reds. I recorded three such calls, and others in the office had more. 'Twas not long after that the Honorable Attorney General of Georgia, one Eugene Cook, in a speech to the Georgia Peace Officers' Association, denounced the NAACP in convolute terms, and included SRC and the Georgia Interracial Committee in his abuse, as being fronts, though it was never clear whether we were said to be fronting for the NAACP or for the Communist Party. We in the office took a good deal of time to circularize our friends with answers to this rigamarole, and various of us have systematically arranged interviews with people of importance in the public opinion of the State: editors, bishops, legislators, and so on. Silly, but it shows that we draw some blood. More ominously,

it foreshadows, we suppose, a time-consuming attack on us in the session of the Georgia legislature which comes in January, 1956. It is illegal under Georgia law to agitate subversively, and we suppose that the Legislature, while plotting subversion of the Constitution and the Courts of the land will give a while to witch-hunting SRC for subversion- though the worst that can be truthfully said against us is that we oppose certain cherished parts of Georgia "tradition."

Mr. Harris' efforts include this complimentary paragraph:

> "The Council's research staff and those who prepare the propaganda are highly skilled, well educated people who are armed with huge sums of money to effectuate the programs in Georgia and other Southern states. Their work is well under way and excellently coordinated."
> Augusta Courier, August 31, 1955.

Informational Activities

Busy time. Fleming & Co. had Mr. Eugene Cook to answer, some public relations strategy to plan out anent the attacks, new staff to bring in on the intake-of-information end (Doris Duke Foundation grant), and an unusual burst of requests for round-ups of practices over the South. On this latter, there was a matter of the interracial citizen's committees advising local school boards, what other cities had done about opening golf courses and other recreational facilties to Negroes, what the churches have been saying, and listing of the various people (hereabouts called "displaced persons") who have been done out of teaching or preaching or other jobs because of standing up for law and order and the Courts of the land. The informational staff also organized small housing conference for the Committee on Race and Housing; helped with advice of a film-script dealing with school desegregation in St. Louis; did an article for the ANNALS on resistance movements in the South; and talked endlessly with in-dropping newspaper and magazine writers, exploring this or that aspect of the South.

The new young lady collecting information went to Durham to see the Librarian of Duke University and meet various of his technicians, in order to make certain that SRC's overflowing collection of Southern pamphlet and clipping material, when, as, and if it ultimately gets stowed away, shall fit into the filing system of a going Library. She is a Negro young lady, and we shyly suspect that the Librarian was not displeased to have this opportunity to introduce to his staff the thin edge of the wedge of desegregation!

New South grows pleasantly in circulation and impact. It is close to 4000 by now, and we begin to think in terms of ten thousand within a year.

The Board and the Committee

The Executive Committee met in October, and the Board in November. Superficially, perhaps, they were unexciting meetings, but the Committee followed its new pattern of meeting during two days, and going into policy with far greater care than heretofore. And the Board, while hurried a bit, met in pleasant circumstances at Tuskegee (first time ever away from Atlanta), looked carefully at State organizations and at central policy, heard the complaints of our detractors, elected able new people to join them, and at long last, moved ahead positively with a Finance Committee of the Board. This is to be named up from the twelve States, so that there will be maximum coordination in raising money for this central office with the simultaneous effort in and for each of the State groups.

NAIRO to Our Help

The November annual meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, in a resolution, said:

> "Particularly reprehensible are attempts by certain state government leaders, organizations like the 'white' citizens' councils, and the recent efforts of a national newspaper chain to smear responsible, widely respected organizations like the Southern Regional Council, NAACP, and the Fund for the Republic which have supported lawful and orderly methods to bring about the desegregation of the public schools."

Foreign Visitors

We use this spot to keep the record:

P. Gurnam Singh Gill, Chief Clerk, Malayan Road Transport Co., Seremban, N.S., Malaya. Sponsored by the International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Douglas Jay, M.P., Journalist, London, England. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C.

P.C.W. Gutkind, Sociologist-Anthropologist, Uganda, East Africa. Sponsored by United Nations, New York, New York.

Sven Oste, Newspaper man, Stockholm, Sweden.

Jai Deva Prasad, M.L.C., Member Bihar Legislative Council, Patna-4, Bihar, India. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Institute, Washington, D.C.

Kind of Thing This Office Does

YMCA man from N.Y. office called. The dickens is loose because the University of Mississippi months ago invited one Rev. Alvin Kershaw to come and speak during Religious Emphasis week, and Kershaw subsequently turns up as the $32,000 jazz-king parson, who said he was going to give some of his winnings to the NAACP. And the Mississippi legislature is up on its ear and says January 3 it will pass a resolution forbidding so reprehensible a man any entry into the Commonwealth of Mississippi, and the University is making brave noises but is scared, and others are dithery. Please come to Cincinnati for a day's meeting and advise what to do. Went, and said when Br'er Tarrypin for good cause had Br'er Fox by the toe, Br'er Tarrypin helt on, and so should Kershaw.

In late October, a national agency, in convention, had instructed its Atlanta office to query SRC on resolutions appropriate to certain Mississippi violence. We advised.

A South Carolina minister, caught in the toils of opposition to his stand on the matters of race, came over for conferences on procedure and his future. Conferred, and advised, and helped him plan.

A PTA Vice-chairman from a Virginia city writes in. Could get his people to move, a little, if had suitable speaker from a PTA where integration has proceded. How could he get. We communicated with our Virginia affiliate, which advised him.

Advised at length representatives of a major religious denomination, planning a conference at Norfolk, Va., on the stand they should take on desegregation.

The Program Chairman of the National Student Association, who was planning a Southwide student conference for Easter, 1956, on desegregation, needed help. Gave same.

The President's Committee on Government Contracts put out a good summary Newsletter (No. 4). Arranged to have copies reach each SRC affiliate, for that issue and for future issues.

STATES AT WORK

ALABAMA — Advising with Governor's staff re: appointment of an interracial study committee. Publishing good news letter monthly. District meetings being held regularly. Employed half-time Associate Director, Mr. Fred Grey, Attorney. Approved increased budget will raise $5,375.

ARKANSAS — Work with Hoxie continues. Contacts made with school people in several areas of state. Irene Osborne did excellent job with Little Rock group and representatives from across the state.

FLORIDA — Staff traveled over the state making contacts with key people, both old and new. Cooperating with state United Church Women. Held meetings at Rollins College, Orlando, Hollywood, and West Palm Beach. Conferred with leaders of Dade County Council on Human Relations.

GEORGIA — Helped lead fight to prevent teachers who belong to NAACP from losing their teaching licenses. Added Dr. Mozell Hill as Associate Director on half-time basis. Working with "locals" workshop planned in Macon. Called on Governor to appoint State Interracial Committee.

KENTUCKY — Consultant program proceeding. Irene Osborne did great job in Louisville: public meeting, conference with superintendent and key school people, conference with key community people. Seeking new Executive Director to replace Dr. Brimm who returns to graduate studies.

LOUISIANA — New officers elected. New Chairwoman from Lake Charles; reaching out into state for new strength. Creating new advisory group in New Orleans should greatly strengthen state organization.

MISSISSIPPI — New officers elected. New Chairwoman strong Methodist leader, prestige person, worker. Added half-time Associate Director (making two thus employed). Board seeking to strengthen itself.

NORTH CAROLINA — Wrote all superintendents for information on study committees. Sent all Superintendents and study committee chairmen integration materials on D.C., Baltimore, St. Louis, and Answers for Action. Added Associate Director - well known Negro educator.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Keeping close watch on Citizens' Councils and economic pressures. Contacts made with several school superintendents. Seeking to set up a "local" in Columbia; good outlook. Rev. Pritchett of our group publicly charged "Forces are at work to shackle the pulpits of S.C."

TENNESSEE Seeking to reorganize and strengthen Board. Irene Osborne participated in well-attended workshop in Chattanooga. Work with local school people proceeding.

The Chairman elicited this letter from the State School Authorities:

State of Tennessee
Department of Education
Office of Commissioner
Nashville 3

Mr. F. Woods Beckham, Chairman,
TENNESSEE COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS,
420 Jackson Building,
Chattanooga 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckham:

I have your letter of October 18, 1955, in regard to the position of the State Department of Education in distributing school funds to local school systems which should make plans or take action to carry out the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to segregation.

As you state in your letter, the Supreme Court of the United States and the State government have said it is the responsibility of local school boards to carry out the Supreme Court decision. The Federal District Court, with Judge Marion Boyd presiding, ruled last Monday that the constitution and statutes of the State of Tennessee prohibiting desegregation were no longer in effect. In view of this decision, I know of no reason why the State Department of Education would not distribute state funds to such school systems on the same basis as at the present time.

I should point out that there is no assurance that litigation might not result. I think you realize that there is a strong possibility there would be litigation to prevent the payment of such funds.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)
Quill E. Cope
Commissioner

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TEXAS Appointed new advisory committee, greatly strengthening Board with new blood. Employed Associate Director, young, well known Negro attorney. Out to raise large budget. Work in Dallas-Fort Worth on increase.

VIRGINIA Doing splendid job of offering alternative plan to the people. Calling for step-by-step integration. Attending public hearings re: the future of the schools. Giving information and counsel to those opposing giving away the schools.

The Church Women

Mrs. Tilly ran a workshop for the United Church Women of Georgia; went up to the Cleveland meeting of the Church Women (using the occasion to line up meetings of her ladies for Texas, South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida). She led four seminars for four different Church groups in Georgia; taught a course for ministers' wives at the Methodist (and Negro) Seminary in Atlanta; travelled four days in Mississippi, and two in Alabama; worked with others for a regional meeting of the Methodist women coming up next month; and variously spoke to Baptists, to grammar schools, community groups, and Councils of Jewish Women, mostly on the Supreme Court decision.

Toward More Program for the States

In the formal request to the Fund for the Republic last August a tentative plan for program development in the various states was presented. The plan called for the use of highly trained social scientists as SRC consultants who would hold program evaluation workshops for board members, conduct training institutes for state staff, and initiate a series of regional and subregional conferences to deal more specifically with the problems of school desegregation. On a modified basis, this important professional service is being organized under the direction of Mr. John Hope II, who is on loan to SRC from the Race Relations division of the American Missionary Association. Final details of operation will be worked out at a meeting of the consultants early in January.

January 20, 1956

THE SOUTHERN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SRC

By Harold Fleming

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Resistance Groups

The January 1956 issue of Southern School News reports a total of 44 "opposition" groups, "large and small, more or less active in 15 states." At least a dozen of these may be classed as major movements, the most important being the White Citizens Councils (WCC) which claims a membership of 60,000 in Mississippi alone. Although these groups operate under various names from state to state, there is evidence of close coordination among them. The WCC monthly publication announced in its first issue (Oct. 1955) that copies would be received by all members of some seven other segregation groups. Moreover, the so-called Federation for Constitutional Government, which recently held a widely publicized meeting in Memphis, includes on its board representatives of the major resistance groups. Its avowed purpose is to "coordinate" the work of the WCC, States Rights Councils, etc.

The stated objectives of the Federation are patently political and economic; its platform calls for the promotion of measures which would limit the progressive income tax, curtail the President's treaty-making powers, secure "conservative" nominees for president and vice-president, and so on. Among its leadership are such well-known figures as Strom Thurmond, Fielding Wright, James Eastland, and Herman Talmadge. It is clear that this is the new manifestation of the Dixiecrat movement, seeking to enlist a large bloc of voters through appeals to racial fears and prejudices. This is significant for two reasons: (1) It means we are not up against mere wrong-headed "idealism" and emotionalism, but against a calculating leadership motivated by economic and political self-interest. (2) It means that the Southern resistance movement can draw heavy financial support from certain

nation-wide economic interests and form alliances with national right-wing groups.

Economic Pressure

The WCC et al. have quite naturally relied on the methods of intimidation and pressure that have served for generations to enforce the submission of Negroes in the Black Belt. Economic measures against Negroes who assert their rights are widespread particularly in Mississippi and South Carolina. Dozens of examples may be found in published reports in the files of SRC; there is no way to measure the full extent of such incidents which have gone unpublicized -- or the intimidating effect on Negroes who might otherwise have sought to exercise their full rights.

Violence

The resistance groups declare themselves strongly against violence, but their hate-mongering and intimidation lead inexorably to it. Negroes who refuse to yield to economic and social pressures are logical victims -- as the several recent slayings in Mississippi illustrate. The hatred that is being generated by segregation groups and demagogic politicians may well lead to outbursts of violence on a catastrophic scale.

Demagogy

Since the May 1954 decision, the extreme pro-segregationists have extended their hold on Southern state governments. The lopsided apportionment of state legislatures -- giving vastly disproportionate power to the Black Belt areas -- is one important factor here. The private resistance groups merge almost indistinguishably with public officialdom in Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana; virtually every powerful political figure in Georgia, for example, from the governor on down, is associated

with the States Rights Council. In Alabama, only the fortuitous influence of Folsom bars the racists from complete control of the state machinery. The resistance of these states was expected -- though the virulence of it has exceeded some expectations. However, an unexpected and serious blow was the capitulation of official leadership in North Carolina and Virginia.

Through their dominance of the state machinery, the segregationists wield enormous power. They can exert formidable pressure on the press, business and industrial interests, educators, and even religious leaders -- all of whom depend, to some extent, on the good will of the state. They can take official measures to penalize and stigmatize those who persist in advocating a moderate or liberal course. They can coerce local school authorities not only through statutory means, but also through their control of state educational funds. In short, they can put all the resources of their respective states into the effort to preserve segregation and stamp out dissenting opinion.

Public Opinion

In the South, the opposition has an automatic advantage in the fact that its spokesmen include leading public officials and other status figures; these men's frequent statements, however inane, are inevitably seen as newsworthy. On the other hand, influential individuals of more moderate or liberal views are largely silenced.

On the whole, the Southern press has moved to the right on the segregation question during the period since the 1954 decision. A few good papers -- like the Chattanooga Times the Norfolk Virginian Pilot and the Roanoke Times -- have maintained their liberal editorial policies. Others -- like those in Winston-Salem and Asheville appear to have regressed somewhat. Still others -- like the Atlanta newspapers -- have retreated to an overtly

pro-segregation position. Finally, a number of the conservative, influential dailies are waging an all-out campaign against integration; in this group are the Charleston News and Courier, the Richmond News Leader, the Arkansas Democrat, the Chattanooga News-Free Press, and the Savannah Morning News. Almost all of the dailies in Mississippi, led by the rabid Jackson Daily News, are mouthpieces for the White Citizens Councils.

The "public relations" of the opposition groups have been greatly enhanced by the fact that they have attracted people of undoubted influence and community status into their leadership. We may characterize this leadership as morally disreputable, but the fact remains that, in the local view, many of the segregation leaders are among the "best people."

Nationally, the press and other public media are predominately anti-segregation; but Southern propaganda has made some inroads even there. John Temple Graves recently wrote: "Among national publications and publicists presently inclined or leaning to the South are the United States News, the Saturday Evening Post, Newsweek, and Dorothy Thompson." Subsequently, the Virginia referendum has prompted the Wall Street Journal to suggest the possibility that the Supreme Court decision was a mistake and cannot be enforced. The Southern courtship of conservative economic interests in the North may lead to further defections among national publications.

Financial Support

There is no way at present of achieving a specific estimate of the money available to the opposition. But we can safely say that it runs into the millions.

Let us consider first private sources. The White Citizens Councils and several of the other segregation groups have been able to rally impressive mass memberships at $3.00 to $5.00 a head. In addition, they

undoubtedly have "angels" in the persons of those wealthy conservatives who support their Dixiecrat political objectives. To these private efforts must be added the demagogic campaigns of office-seekers in the pro-segregation states. In order to attain their political objectives, these professional Negrophobes spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on racist propaganda. For example, a gubernatorial campaign in Georgia is estimated to cost each major candidate approximately $250,000; and in the last race, all of the major candidates were trying to outdo each other in advocating segregation. The same is true, of course, of other deep South states. Free television and radio time made available to candidates and office-holders add to the total. More is spent on this type of propaganda for one primary election in one state than the SRC's budget for three years.

Private expenditures are only a part of the story. The resisting states are spending large amounts of tax money to finance state study commissions, to draft legislation, and to carry on litigation in defense of segregation. Louisiana has established a $100,000 state fund for the purpose of fighting desegregation. Georgia's attorney general has announced the employment of two full-time assistants for this purpose; according to the press, he "simultaneously invited county officials faced with integration problems to consult him and take advantage of the state's resources before taking action." State funds used for these and similar purposes undoubtedly add up to many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

IMPLICATIONS FOR SRC PROGRAM

The pro-segregation forces have a tremendous advantage on their own ground: (1) control of governmental machinery; (2) influence on opinion-making media and individuals; (3) large financial resources; (4) a mass public opinion long conditioned by rabble-rousing and appeals to race hatred;

(5) conservative white control of the economy; (6) economic dependence and political impotence of Negroes in those areas where they are most numerous.

In the long run, however, the pro-integration assets are even greater. They may be summed up in the statement that all of the major national forces -- religious, cultural, economic, political, and international considerations -- are pressing the direction of integration. Our main efforts should be aimed at bringing these forces to bear more strongly on the South.

These pro-integration forces manifest themselves in the South largely in terms of choices. For example, Atlanta had to decide whether to admit Negroes to its public golf courses, or by closing them to deprive 70,000 white players of facilities and 100 city employees of their jobs. The golf pros and other employees were converted overnight into "liberals" who wanted to make golf-course desegregation work because of the prospect of unemployment if it didn't. In short, they had to choose between their personal prejudices and their livelihoods.

More and more national associations are reluctant to hold their conventions in cities where Negro members would be segregated. Large Southern cities are, increasingly, having to choose between segregation and the revenue and prestige which large conventions bring.

The Sugar Bowl incident was an impressive example of this phenomenon of choice. Many ardent segregationists (e.g., the chairman of the Georgia Board of Regents) wound up fiercely championing Georgia Tech's participation against a "mixed" team before a "mixed" audience. They chose money and fame for Tech over their personal adherence to segregation.

It is my belief that we will desegregate in the South not because a majority of white Southerners come to see desegregation as desirable, but

because they will find the alternatives to it intolerable. Such choices are shaping up in every area of life. Our task is to do what we can to help them develop, to interpret them clearly to Southern opinion-makers. Some illustrative possibilities:

(1) The uncertain status of public schools in the resisting states has adversely affected the marketability and interest rates of school bonds. This should be documented and widely publicized.

(2) The tension and unrest created by Southern defiance of the Supreme Court ruling have doubtless made many industries hesitant about moving South. A story in the Wall Street Journal, say, documenting this point, and dissemination of that information in the South would be of great value.

(3) The segregation leaders preen themselves on their "respectability". Every possible instance of oppression and reprisal should be spotlighted by public media to destroy this myth; also the ulterior political and economic motives of the resistance leaders. This can only result from skilled investigation and fact-finding by local people. Our deep-South state affiliates should develop the system and skills necessary for this kind of exposure.

(4) The segregationist South claims that it is willing to extend to the Negro every constitutional right short of integration. Yet, as we know, Negroes throughout the Black Belt are denied their well established right to vote. The disfranchisement of the Negro is, in fact, one of the chief reasons for the kind of leadership under which the South now suffers.) This would seem a highly propitious time to push the whole question of Negro suffrage. Local registration and voting efforts are probably the business of the NAACP and other Negro organizations. However, a thoroughgoing SRC study of Negro political participation could focus attention on the question. Further, the SRC should expose publicly and/or to the Department of Justice illegal efforts to deprive Negroes of the ballot. Much white sentiment,

though opposed to school integration, would support the right of Negroes to register and vote without hindrance. And, in the more difficult states, this is probably a precondition of integration.

January 20, 1956

FORCES OF PROGRESS

Frederick B. Routh

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The South, sometimes called the well spring of democracy, is experiencing more than a trickle, less than a flood tide of that precious fluid; either in-spite of itself or because of itself the region is being channelled into the main stream of American life. There are obstacles to the progress which cannot be ignored but the buoys and markers of that progress are evident. The good pilot knows the tides and the channel markings.

THE CHURCHES speak for Integration. The three great Faiths of America, through their organizational institutions, have all advocated compliance with the law of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court. Every major Protestant de-nomination in the South has spoken out commending the decisions. The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in June 1954, said in part: "We recognize the fact that this Supreme Court decision is in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens, and with the Christian principles of equal justice and love for all men." The North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church said, "We believe our people should face the practical phases of this de-cision with the courage, poise and maturity of law-abiding citizens." The Pres-byterian Church, US (Southern) proclaimed, "That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics..." The Church Women of the South are again play-ing the role of shock troops for Social Justice. How different is this from the period just prior to the Civil War when the clergy of the South, with some excep-tions, not only condoned but indeed commended the institution of slavery as "God-ordained."

The FEDERAL GOVERNMENT speaks for Integration. The arbiter of the law in the American system of government is the Supreme Court of the United States. In two historic decisions, May 17th, 1954, and May 31st, 1955 it declared segregation

in the public schools on the basis of race unconstitutional. The District and Circuit Courts have been instructed to carry out these decisions as cases in equity. It is helpful here to recall an important rule in equity proceedings, "That which you are prohibited from doing directly you may not do indirectly." The full weight of the judicial power of the federal government stands irrevocably on the side of integration.

The Executive branch of the Federal Government has been explicit in its demands for equality of citizenship of all its people. Executive orders have all but ended segregation in the Armed Forces of the nation. Efforts are being made to secure off-base recreation centers for the men on a nonsegregated basis. The President's Committee on Government Contracts is not without dentures. It seeks to end discrimination in hiring, firing, and up-grading personnel employed by firms who have contracts with the Federal Government. The President of the United States in his State of the Union Message of 1956 said in part, "It is disturbing that in some localities allegations persist that Negro citizens are being deprived of their right to vote and are likewise being subjected to unwarranted economic pressures. I recommend that the substance of these charges be thoroughly examined..." The two avowed candidates for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency have spoken on this issue too. Mr. Stevenson said in a press interview, "The decisions of the Supreme Court are the law of the land and the matter of the desegregation of the schools has been removed from the political arena and disposed of by the judiciary." Mr. Kefauver has said, "The Supreme Court was unanimous in its opinion against forced segregation in public schools, It is a local problem that must be worked out with time and patience...it is the law of the land." The Vice President of the United States held a conference with leading industrialists to secure their cooperation in employment by merit.

The United States Department of State has recognized the international implications of the rulings. Numerous spokesmen for the Department have proclaimed

that the decisions are the best answer to Communist charges that the United States is only a white man's democracy.

Organized LABOR is on the side of integration. Both the CIO and the AF of L were on record as commending the Supreme Court decisions. The recent merger of organized labor has strengthened the hand of labor. The Atlanta Journal of Nov. 10 reported that George Meany had said that hundreds of thousands of persons are denied essential human rights because of their color; he termed it a matter of national shame. Segregation is incompatible with an industrial society; Emile Rieve, president of the Textile Workers of America said in Charlotte, N.C.on November 11th that the merger would have a strong effect in the sections of the country where organized labor is the weakest and cited the South and Southern textile industries as such an area. Segregation, though disappearing slowly, is disappearing from union locals in compliance with the charters of the Internationals to which they belong.

THE MASS MEDIA OF COMMUNICATIONS on the National level is having a profound influence on the mind of the South. The national magazines have had a series of articles on the Supreme Court decisions, on the Negro in American Life, on school desegregation and on the practices of racism in the South. Life reported on integration in Hoxie, Arkansas which produced local problems but drew the nation's attention to the problem. Because this was a "national" problem increased interest was taken in seeing the case through. Collier's ran two articles by Allan Paton famed author of Cry the Beloved Country, on the Negro in the South and the North. The Saturday Evening Post carried an article by Hodding Carter, SRC Board member. Look recently featured an exposé on the infamous Till case. The national press, particularly the New York Times has kept news about developments in the South, both good and bad, before the American people. Even now a star-reporter task force from the New York Times is in the South to get the story. Note that no mention is made of the Hearst Press.

One of the newer media, television, has been playing a subtle role in conditioning the people of the South to the acceptance of Negroes in other than domestic roles. Mr. Talmadge, while Governor of this state, felt called upon to denounce the appearance of the "Mariners" on the Arthur Godfrey show. Other documentary shows such as "Medical Horizons" have presented Negroes, without comment, in status roles.

Motion pictures such as "Pinky", "Intruders In the Dust", "Lost Boundries" and "Trial" have all played their subtle, and sometimes not so subtle part on the side of democracy.

For many years novels dealing with the racial problems of the Southern Region have been best sellers. More recently technical books, such as The Negro and the Schools, Schools in Transition, The Strange Career of Jim Crow, and others have appeared. The mind of America is being educated, the conscience of America is being sensitized.

THE STATES of the South may be placed on a continuum from desegregating, through waiting, to hard core; in rank order of progress toward desegregation they would read: Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, and Mississippi. This does not include, you will note, those border and western states which have made twenty-league strides toward compliance: Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. Nor the District of Columbia, which has special significance as the Capitol of the nation. Three states of the Old South, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Texas have begun to desegregate their schools. The process of desegregation is in progress. In three states of the Old South the state Supreme Courts have declared that State Constitutional provisions and Legislative acts and statutes which provide for segregation of the races in the public schools are unconstitutional. These three are Florida, Tennessee, and Texas.

No sooner did the people of Virginia vote for the So-called "Gray ammendment" than the superintendent of schools in Arlington announced plans to desegregate next Fall. In North Carolina there is evidence that some school districts in the Western part of the state will revolt against the pressures of the State Board of Education to maintain segregation. Anderson County, Tenn. has been ordered by a Federal Court to integrate its schools next Fall; the Governor of Tennessee has refused to call a special session of the legislature at the request of the pro-segregationists.

In all but the hard core states of Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi there is evidence that the walls of segregation are not only showing signs of weakness but are beginning to crumble. Even in the hard core states one may catch glimpses of new vistas of freedom through the breached walls of segregation. In Alabama the University has been ordered to admit qualified Negro students to the graduate and professional schools; In Georgia the City of Atlanta, under court order, has admitted Negroes to the golf courses; in Louisiana the Arch-Bishop has declared his stand for integration, Parochial schools plan desegregating next fall, and the graduate schools of LSU have admitted Negro students. It must not be forgotten that Claredon County is in South Carolina. Mississippi alone seems without a candle in the darkness, yet, even there the newly elected Governor, Mr. Coleman has denounced as foolhardy any attempts at nullification. Secession is not a part of the thinking of the governor of even the most hard core state.

DETERMINATION OF THE NEGRO COMMUNITY: The Negro community of the South in 1956 is grimly determined, with dignity and firmness, to see this thing through. The NAACP has won the court battles, the Negro people do not intend to lose the war. In Orangeburg, S. C. when the whites brought economic reprisals against Negro citizens who had signed petitions to admit their children to the public schools on

a non-segregated basis, the Negro community organized an effective boycott of white firms involved. In Montgomery, Alabama the story of the bus-boycott is well known. In Mississippi a group of Negro leaders publicly repudiated the claim of then-governor Hugh White that Mississippi Negroes favored a continuation of Segregation. Contributions to the NAACP have greatly swelled in recent months in all southern states.

HUMAN RELATIONS AGENCIES are at work in the South. We have already mentioned the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People; in the best of American tradition it has gone to the courts to seek redress of grievances, and by so doing has won a victory for all citizens. It remains alert, militant, and determined. It is an asset whose value cannot be overestimated. The Southern Regional Council with its twelve state affiliated organizations is a movement of considerable force; modesty prevents us from further consideration at this time. The American Friends Service Committee has been working on an employment by merit project which has enjoyed considerable results in Texas and is spreading to other areas. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has made the Jewish community of the South aware of the need for action in race relations. The American Jewish Committee has two offices in the South, both active in this field. The National Conference of Christians and Jews has recognized a responsibility in this area and sponsored numerous workshops dealing with desegregation in the South this past summer. More are planned this coming summer. The Urban League with its southern branches has been active in assisting the Negro community in employment, housing, and civil rights.

Now the basic question which we must ask is: What does all this mean to us, to the South, to the Nation and to the future?

Sociologists who have worked in this field say that the determinants of progress are: 1) the degree of urbanization, industrialization, and unionization;

2) the percentage of Negro population in a given community; 3) the law and enforcement of the law; 4) the human relations resources of a community; and 5) the determination of the Negro community.

It would seem that the long range forces are working for integration; that, in some areas and only some areas of the South, the short range forces, which may for the moment seem almost overwhelming, are arrayed against progress. It should be remembered that time and tide wait for no man and they they are swept up in a tide which, though they battle mightily, will carry them along with it. That is the future though the shore may be distant in Mississippi.

It would seem then that the program of the Southern Regional Council must primarily be aligned with the long range forces; only secondarily engaged in fire fighting or local skirmishes. The battle-wise strategist does not seek to meet the enemy on their terms but rather on the terms most favorable to his own side. So it must be with us. In some areas we must fight a defensive action, a holding action, if you will; in other areas we must openly take the offensive. The hard core is not going to bow before the weight of persuasion until the people are faced with some hard choices between giving up segregation and the tragic alternatives. They face an agonizing reappraisal sometime in the future. In this area ours is a task of holding the line and of exposing with the light of the national press what the opposition is up to, and at the same time maintaining a bridgehead of integrated groups meeting together quietly in equal dignity to prepare for the day when actual desegregation of the schools can be worked upon.

In the so-called waiting states it should be the responsibility of our state groups to assist those communities which wish to move ahead of their state governments in the process of desegregation. We might help stiffen the backbones of some superintendents and community people to break the economic and political chains with which the state government has sought to bind them. We can help get community support for desegregation in much of the Mountain and Piedmont South.

In areas that are in the process of desegregation we can offer aid and assistance to school and community people involved in the process.

The program of the SRC must be sufficiently flexible to work in all three areas; and to work in a significant way. Our information program must be stepped up; our state organizations must be made more effective; our new professional consultant program must be fully utilized. We should feel no claim to fame but only seek to serve. Each of us here is dedicated to an integrated, democratic society; to help bring it about we must dedicate our very best thinking, our most serious effort, and the deep convictions of our hearts and souls.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Sent to Clement, Wright, Hancock, Dent, Wesley, Haas, Dabbs, Christopher, Griffin, Richardson, Shean, Wilkins, McDowell

February 14, 1956

Dear

It will be remembered that at the Board Meeting at Tuskegee the staff was requested to submit to the next meeting of the Executive Committee plans for a possible continuance of the Council after the expiry of the Fund for the Republic grant, in 1957.

This was done and available at the Executive Committee meeting January 20-21. But it was not reached for discussion in that meeting and was put over to the next meeting.

Meanwhile the suggestion has been made that the staff memos (summarized in George Mitchell's memo to the Executive Committee) be supplied in full to members of the Executive Committee. They are here so supplied and will repay study.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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February 22, 1956

Dear

Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

At an anxious time these documents will be helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Sent: Clement, Hancock, Wesley, Dent, Wright, Christopher, Dabbs, Haas, Griffin, Richardson, Shean, Wilkins.

M E M O R A N D U M.

TO: APPROPRIATE BOARD MEMBERS. March 5th, 1956.

RE: Conferences on Libel Matter.

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On February 15 and 16, President M. A. Wright, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. Paul D. Williams, and Harold Fleming of the staff conferred in New York with knowledgeable private individuals and with staff of the Fund for the Republic.

The first of these discussions was held with an experienced and able jurist of New York City, suggested by New York associates of Mr. Williams as being highly qualified to give wise counsel. His advice with respect to possible legal action was largely discouraging and may be summarized briefly as follows:

1. Negotiation with the Hearst press would probably avail nothing. A retraction of apology is almost certainly out of the question. The reaction of the Hearst papers to a libel suit would probably be vigorously renewed attack on the SRC and its board members.

2. Number of plaintiffs would be a public opinion factor. If all of the 21 board members maligned did not sue, this would be interpreted in unfriendly quarters as an admission that the others could not defend themselves against the Hearst charges.

3. Legal delays would postpone the beginning of court hearings for a year or more, and the hearings might be dragged out even longer; thus, assuming a successful outcome, vindication would be long deferred.

4. The present climate of opinion fosters the idea that anyone who has been affiliated with one or more organizations now regarded as subversive is suspect. Without very compelling and detailed evidence to the contrary, it would be dangerous to risk a jury's decision.

5. Further circulation of the libels by hostile newspapers and groups would be facilitated by the privileged answer which the defendants would submit to the court. The Hearst press is well equipped to dredge up everything which, by distortion and innuendo, could be used to support their charges. This material could then be used with impunity (as "privileged" matter) by any publication or organization.

The second conference, in which Mr. Wright and Mr. Fleming represented SRC, was held with staff members of the Fund for the Republic. Mr. Wright, in a letter to the Fund, had formally requested permission for SRC to use up to $15,000 of the Fund's grant for research preparatory to libel action. The Board of the Fund, meeting on February 15, disapproved this request. This is not to be construed as an expression of opinion by the Fund as to the wisdom or unwisdom of individual libel actions. Some members of the Fund's Board would be in sympathy with such actions and might assist financially in a private capacity.

In both conferences, there was discussion of various public relations techniques which might offset the attacks on SRC. Suggestions included: (1) impaneling several distinguished Americans who would examine the merits of the charges and publicly announce their findings; (2) soliciting public statements favorable to SRC from prominent individuals; (3) arranging some favorable recognition of the SRC and its work from the President of the United States.

It was recognized by all parties to these discussions that the decision on legal action rests exclusively and individually with the persons libelled. These explorations were conducted in terms of the effect of legal action on SRC and are submitted to appropriate board members purely as a matter of information.

MEMO

March 6, 1956

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: George Mitchell

Mr. Wright sent out on March 1 a staff-prepared table on attendance at meetings of the Executive Committee.

We wish now to acknowledge in at least one discovered instance a serious and regrettable error. We showed Miss Wilkins as having been a member of the Executive Committee straight through the period 1951 to date. As a matter of fact (a fact I should have caught), Miss Wilkins was not on the Executive Committee between 1950 and November, 1954. Since her return to the Executive Committee there have been five meetings of the Committee and she has been to four. Her attendance percentage therefore jumps from 27 to 80!

For the others we were dependent on the notations of attendance as made in the approved minutes of each meeting and few of us would repose the firmest confidence in the attendance notations in the minutes.

But in Miss Wilkins instance, we can plead no mechanical error.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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April 20, 1956

To All SRC Board Members:

Another Quarterly Report.

The job needs everybody's thinking. Comments to Marion Wright or to us will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
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April 20, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here is some account of the months of January, February, and March, 1956.

TROUBLES

This has been the period of the flowering of the counter-attack from some layers in the South. The campaign was touched off by the article in the January, 1956 issue of Harper's by the Charleston editor, Tom Waring. The argument there was that the South's side of the argument had not been put. One by one considerable organs of national opinion began to hint that the court had gone too far and that the South was not ready and that the nation ought to ease up and be considerate. Meanwhile the Southern campaign against the NAACP which had thitherto been confined to muttered abuses in the wein of Gerald L. K. Smith and Co. went respectable. The best papers began to say that the South was caught between the two extremes of the Citizens Councils and the NAACP and needed cessation of activity of both. Then the leading political figures of the day said what was called for was moderation.

All of which adds up to pushing the point of view that the Court's decision is unenforceable -- at any rate now.

We have done what we could to steer the South and people from Northern journals toward progress instead of toward inaction.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LETTER

It has been for some time our view that compliance with the Supreme Court's decision would bring economic growth to the South and that defiance would bring industrial doldrums. As defiance mounted in pitch we thought it time to get our doctrine more widely into circulation. Accordingly, we released on March 5 an open letter to State Presidents of Chambers of Commerce in the seven Southern states that seemed to us more recalcitrant.

We spoke of the absence of leadership on the side of calmness, considerateness and good will.... of public policies on segregation dictated by fear and hysteria.... of defiance, resistance, nullification, repression, and intimidation. We went on to praise industrialization and questioned whether new industry sought by the South would be eager to build expensive plants in areas where the existence of public schools was in doubt, where tension and violence existed...., etc.

"Can the South hope to take its rightful place in economic, religious, cultural, and political councils while our leadership seeks to isolate us from the rest of the nation and the world?

"If the South is to continue to progress as a modern industrial society, we must meet the great question of our time with maturity and responsibility. We must, as a reasonable people, weigh the alternatives before us calmly and realistically, giving full consideration to their consequences.

"For each Southern community there is a wise, workable program, neither rebellious nor precipitate, which sensible local people can agree upon. They will need to work together to find the facts, and then they will reach a decision together."

The release timed for March 5 got good play in the Southern press and started a ripple of interest in that point of view. At any rate only a few days later the New York Times came out with an important story about industry which had thought of branching out in the South, holding off; and a few days after that a widely-read columnist, Sylvia Porter, spoke quite vigorously of the economic stagnation involved in the course the South was charting. Here or there business people have counter-grumbled that Northern industry seems more anxious to come than ever!

HERE AND THERE

In the travel line, we have serviced toward desegregation Bluefield, West Virginia; a major gathering of Methodist ladies at New Orleans; a large local of Steelworkers in East Tennessee; local Church groups in Atlanta, and some other cities; our own Texas State annual meeting; and similar meetings at North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi; and an advisory group at Highlander Folk School.

Mrs. Tilly has been at her most diligent and effective these last three months, in a time of special strain across the South.

With careful planning ahead-of-time she has met with selective groups of Church women in Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, South Carolina, and Alabama. In all these meetings she got to well over 1500 people.

And some of the meetings were specifically to plan numbers of local meetings which would follow up ideas brought out at the Statewide meetings.

The Alabama meeting was at Montgomery and leading personalities in the bus boycott were participants. The theme of the meeting was building bridges of understanding across racial lines. Mrs. Tilly said that as you listened you felt you were in the presence not exactly of Christians in the first century but of "the first Christians of this century." These were meetings and travel enough; but she squeezed in a Tennessee meeting of the United Church Women, a Brotherhood meeting at Emory University in Atlanta, a retreat at a white college in Northern Georgia, and heavy shares in a couple of denominational conferences in Atlanta. And in addition taught ten classes at local Churches, in World Peace.

We have all along said that when integration occurs it will be because the Church women of the South want it. Mrs. Tilly is doing more than anybody else to get them to want it.

Irene Osborne in this three month period has done carefully pre-arranged travel to our State people in Virginia, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama. In most places local friends make arrangements for her to be in touch with leaders of public opinion and in quite a few places with school officials. Everywhere she was eagerly accepted and she gave a straight practical message on how you get schools together. I think that one of the best things we have done is to get her sent around and heard.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At long last we have got the groundwork for a Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the SRC. Those members from the Southwest met in New Orleans, March 9. Those from the Southeast in Atlanta, March 16. They all agreed that in each State something around two thousand dollars should be fetched together by them - one thousand for the office in Atlanta and one thousand for their own State organization. Performance is another matter, but we shall hope for the best.

WHAT THIS OFFICE DOES

An old friend came in. District organizer for the Steelworkers. Trouble on his hands in Chattanooga and Charleston. The viewpoint of the White Citizens' Council has got into the locals. How can he rescue the locals?

By showing him analogous situations on a good many other fronts we brought him around to where he could see daylight in his own two situations.

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Same day came in a man from the National office of the Urban League, Word is being put around in Southern city after city where local Urban Leagues depend on the Community Chest for support, that the Urban League helps get colored people into white people's jobs and that nobody should give to the Community Chest and expressed view that workers should refuse to solicit funds. Man wanted to know what to do.

Mostly on that we could only commiserate. But obviously the time will come when the nation will want to know the truth about the rabble rousers who spread this sort of thing.

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A good friend writes in from Kentucky. "What time schedule should we propose for desegregation?" Wrote the man that it is no business of ours to say when American citizens should enjoy their rights. All we can do is contrive local meetings of white and Negro persons. Two weeks later get a letter from the man. Had been to a conference of his friends. "We decided that rather than talking about a time schedule.... the better approach is to consider the methods that are used. Consequently I must agree with you that a time schedule is the wrong approach."

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An agency having supervision of important foreign visitors had steered a group to a Southern State and was having difficulty in arranging with local authorities any contact with the Negro community. Called us for advice. Arranged satisfactory contact in the next city to which the group went.

PEOPLE WANT INFORMATION

Naturally we get a steady stream of letters asking for facts. Nearly half from students. The rest from teachers, Church people and human relations agencies, or just plain individuals. Most of the high school inquiries come out of the Northeast and Northwest.

Here is a not too learned postcard from Brenda Yoes on East 169th Street in New York:

> Dear Sirs: our class 6-2 is having a debate on segregation I would like to know how you feel about it.

Or another from Brooklyn:

> Dear sir: May I please have some information on the Negroes?

A nice young lady sends information to all and sundry.

Ten or twelve people come by each week to pick up items of literature.

Two or three quite special letters every month. Here was a minister in Little Rock who wanted to know every town in the South which had bi-racial advisory committees on schools. We are much used as a source of information on how far things have gotten elsewhere in the South.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I asked Mr. Alexander to make a list of the sort of things he has been doing.

He helped with getting up regional budget figures for meetings of the Executive Committee. Put together a batch of letters for Mr. Rufus Clement to send out to ask Board members to chip in and help with money. Took entire charge of servicing the Nominating Committee; and did most of the work of inviting the newly elected persons to come onto the Board. Makes all arrangements for meetings of the Executive Committee. Ditto the Finance Committee. Permanent opposite number in Atlanta for John Hope who runs the new training program - that is to say, the Administrative Assistant does all the chores for a program proceeding right across the South.

IN THE STATES

ALABAMA

Staff worked closely with national press in Miss Lucy affair and Montgomery bus boycott. Helped activate student religious organizations at University of Alabama to maintain law and order.

ARKANSAS

Staff and Board working on lost economic opportunities due to activities of pro-segregationists; State Board of Economic Development shows interest. SRC consultant team help workshop with staff and Board.

FLORIDA

Board working on grass roots membership drive. Open letter written to Florida Congressional delegation regretting signing of "Manifesto." Staff working with ministerial groups toward integration of same.

GEORGIA

Guy Wells, Executive Director, under fire from two State agencies. Title of President Emeritus of Georgia State College for Women lifted without hearing by State Board of Regents; State Department of Education moved against his retirement fund, foiled by ruling of State Teachers' Retirement Fund Board upholding his right to freedom of speech. Atlanta Committee taking on new blood and new life.

KENTUCKY

Galen A. Martin, formerly Assistant Coordinator of the Electrical Consumers Information Committee (Washington, D.C.) employed as Executive Director. Extensive use of consultants with desegregating school systems underway.

LOUISIANA

New Orleans Committee issued statement following decision of District Federal Court holding State segregation laws unconstitutional; called for sober thought and honest action. Lake Charles local unit activated.

MISSISSIPPI

New President elected, Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, widow of prominent Delta planter. Rough situation in State has necessitated quiet action by staff and Board in contacting key people.

NORTH CAROLINA

Staff seeking cooperative effort with AFSC in western counties. Putting out topnotch newsletter. Interviews with school superintendents and advisory committees continuing. Dr. Frank Graham to speak at annual meeting.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Staff doing excellent job of documenting economic reprisals. Board member acting as conscience of S. C. through Letters-to-the-Editor. Work with women's groups continues. Second most difficult State in the South.

TENNESSEE

In process of reorganizing Board; seeking Executive Director; will continue consultant program. Local units active in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville.

TEXAS

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe employed to replace Tom Sutherland who resigned as Executive Director. Rev. Kloppe on half-time basis. Working closely with organized labor and Texas Council of Churches.

VIRGINIA

Staff and Board recuperated from Gray Amendment fight. Working closely with Virginia Council of Churches and Labor. Executive Director writing for national publications. Local affiliates being organized.

WHAT GETS CALLED TRAINING

Apology for the name; we don't like it, but we don't know what else to call it.

We explained a long time ago that one of the next major moves is to bend social science people, Negro and white, in the South to the task of putting the schools together.

And we wanted to do this wherever we could in the presence of leading ones of our State people. That would be a device for getting skills into the hands of lay people. We always knew, on the side, that doing this would sharpen the skills in the hands of social science people.

The Fund for the Republic couldn't help us on getting this launched. We commandeered what was left of last year's State balance and set up $12,000 for giving this a try. To date we have spent six or seven thousand and can run it through May.

We got hold of Mr. John Hope to be a part-time Assistant Director of SRC and to run this program. He has been hooked to Fisk University for a good many years and most lately has been compiling for a Southern wing of the National Planning Association a notable series of reports on the degree to which integration had penetrated industrial employment in the South. (No great degree I may say). John's father was the first president of Atlanta University and John himself is a judicious man who gets things done. He got to work in December, 1955, and built a panel of consultants. Here they are:

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Assistant Professor of Psychology, City College of New York; Associate Director, Northside Center for Child Development, New York.

Dr. A. Lee Coleman, Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Robert Johnson, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. William Jones, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr. Lewis M. Killian, Department of Sociology, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dr. Hylan Lewis, Department of Sociology, Atlanta University Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Bonita Valien, Department of Sociology, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Harry J. Walker, Department of Sociology, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Dr. G. D. Wilson, Department of Education, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mr. Whitney Young, Jr., Dean, Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee, 104 "C" Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

These people are available to us at thirty-five dollars a day, plus expenses.

The first purpose is to use them in panels to interchange ideas with our State people.

We have had three such meetings: Virginia, Arkansas, Texas. Total of fifty-five Board members came to the three meetings. Three such panels of consultants were used. Of the six consultants, five were Negro, one was white. From compressed accounts of those meetings I lift a phrase here and there... Chemical-like change took place when specialists and lay persons sat down together.... The consultants never said what to do but would ask, "Have you thought of trying this...." How do you work in a rural area where there isn't regular community organization structure....? How do we know when publicity is helpful, hurtful?.... Consultants deftly queried the group ostensibly for clarification but also to break the problem into manageable parts for constructive and systematic discussion next day.... It was a difficult meeting to close..... So you can see what goes on.

Then for a further thrust of the same thing we fetched together late in March Board people and the State paid staffs from the toughest States: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina. This we called the "Hard Core Conference."

A most instructive occasion. The pith of the argument came down to whether in pursuit of conciliation of disputes racial in character our State staff would be well advised, in denial of any purpose to destroy segregation, to conciliate at all costs. Some said, "Never deny your principles." Others said, "Well, you don't have to go around with a six-inch button on your coat which says: 'Jim Crow Must Go.' Your task is to take what you have and make what you need. Without denying one's principles one can build the new society."

That wasn't quite as far as I and some others would have gone, but you see the tendency. And the beautiful thing about this meeting and the other meetings of the consultants we have had in Atlanta (and elsewhere) was that these eager, sensitively-trained consultants sensed from afar workable, practical solutions. One or two in their number said in effect, "You speak of compromise. There can be no compromise. The law is the law and people must obey." Such statements were met with stony glances. Delicious to see unfolding purpose to take away the rocks.

HAROLD C. FLEMING

January-March, 1956

Press Relations

During these three months, the SRC's work of assisting newsmen, magazines, radio and TV was the heaviest in its history. Tension and conflict in the South have given "outside" reporters an incentive to understand and interpret the region in more depth than in the past. Hence, we have had increased opportunity to get helpful background and analysis into the mass media.

New York Times Survey

SRC staff contributed to both the initial planning and final evaluation of the Times' nine-man survey of the South. We consulted and advised on the overall project. Each of our State affiliates was alerted in advance and cooperated fully with the Times man assigned to the respective State. We think it was an important and useful treatment and are glad to have had a part in shaping it.

Montgomery and Tuscaloosa

The Alabama Council on Human Relations (most particularly its Director, Robert Hughes) played an invaluable part in aiding sound press coverage of the disturbed Alabama scene. Hughes was on the spot during the crucial developments in Montgomery and Tuscaloosa; put newsmen in touch with bona fide Negro leadership and interracial activities. He also quietly assisted student religious groups at the University in organizing and expressing positive campus sentiment. During the height of the disturbances, the central staff was in frequent communication with Hughes. One of the Alabama Council's leading members, the Rev. Thomas B. Thrasher, wrote an excellent article on the Montgomery situation for the March 8 issue of The Reporter.

New York Trip

The Assistant Director for Information spent three days in New York in mid-February, on various missions. Most useful perhaps were background conferences on Southern coverage with the editorial staff of Life, Edward R. Murrow and Fred Friendly for See It Now, Phil Horton of The Reporter, and the education editor of Time.

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The Economic Factor

SRC has long been aware of potential economic restraints on Southern resistance and has sought opportunities to call them to public attention. The current focus on the South provided a good chance. On March 5, the SRC issued a publicized statement addressed to Southern Chambers of Commerce pointing out the danger to the South's economy of the present defiant course. This danger, in terms of industrial recruitment, school-bond marketing, and business boycotts, has since been spelled out in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Business Week, and Sylvia Porter's syndicated column. SRC worked with correspondents for these publications and is now disseminating articles in an effort to mobilize constructive leadership in the business community.

Wells Case

As reported elsewhere, Dr. Guy Wells of the Georgia Committee was the object of a major attack by Georgia's pro-segregation leadership. SRC's information staff worked closely with Dr. Wells on press relations, with generally gratifying results.

Other major briefings included representatives of the Associated Press, United Press, AP News features, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, McNaught Syndicate, Minneapolis Tribune, Newsweek, Time's Southeastern Bureau, New Republic, Southern School News, CBS, London Economist, Look, and several Southern dailies. George Martin of the Fund for the Republic's Newsfilm Project spent several days here and in Alabana, assisting and being assisted by us. We are in frequent communication with Martin and his assistant regarding race-relations developments in the South.

Special Fact-Finding Program

The program assisted by a grant of $50,000 from the Fund for the Republic on February 15, 1956, is under way. It was decided that a speedy inventory of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border States should go forward before the basic machinery of the program was perfected. Accordingly, the Assistant Director for Information and the Research Assistant have given this effort top priority, and a temporary staff member has been added to assist in it. She is Mrs. Bem Price, now of Washington, D.C., formerly with the Associated Press bureau in Atlanta. Mrs. Price's years of experience as a wire service reporter and in public relations work have equipped her well to help us assemble this information. In addition to her field work, we have sent mail queries to each of our State affiliates and to other likely sources.

Central staff conferred in February with Mr. David Loth, who has received a Fund for the Republic grant to do a comparable desegregation inventory for the non-South. We worked out with Mr. Loth a fact-finding schedule which we believe will make possible ultimately a joint publication of the two reports. It is already clear, however, that some of the Southern

data will have to be summarized without using names and places, since the principals involved feel that publicity would jeopardize the success of their efforts.

The desegregation inventory and the recent extraordinary demands of press relations have made it impossible to proceed at full speed on the setting up of the fact-finding machinery in the States. However, we have assembled the names of likely social analysts and, in several cases, have had preliminary discussion with them. Late in March, the Assistant Director for Information held a two-day conference with Prof. Nicholas Demerath of the University of North Carolina, Prof. Mozell Hill of Atlanta University, Prof. C. H. Parrish, and other SRC staff members on the fact-finding program. We are now going forward with the plans developed: (1) Southwide survey of Negro suffrage as priority number one; (2) selection of six strategically located social scientists to serve as coordinators for their areas; (3) a top-flight specialist on suffrage in the South as a central adviser. Demerath has agreed to channel the views of his colleagues in the research field to us and to serve, from time to time, as a consultant to the program. The suffrage project should be well advanced by the time of the next quarterly report.

Publications

The normal flow of materials from SRC to the State groups and key persons in the South continues. New South shows a steady rise in circulation; approximately 5,000 copies are consumed in a normal month. The article by Howard Grimes describing integration in the SMU Theological School (February issue) won particular plaudits; it was distributed by the Friends Service Committee to two-hundred selected educators in the South, and rated a special story in the New York Times. In response to requests from our State groups, a pamphlet has been issued reprinting the two Supreme Court school decisions, with an analysis by Robert Leflar. Other materials of special interest or program use continue to be distributed through our State groups and otherwise.

FOREIGN VISITORS

For the record again, the foreign visitors:

Mr. Frank Tomney, Labor Party Representative, British Parliament.

Mr. Keith Kyle, Foreign Correspondent for The Economist (London).

Miss Susan King-Hall, Journalist, England.

Miss Sqrwat Qureshi, Chief Welfare Officer, Thal Development Authority, Jauharabad, Pakistan.

Mr. Toshimitsu Fukada - Editor Nishinippon Shimbun, Fukuoka, Japan.

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Mr. Shiro Shimada, Chief Editor and Chief of the Reporting Department, Kumamoto Nichinichi Shimbun, Kumamoto City, Japan.

Dr. O. D. Wollheim, Chairman of the Liberal Party, Capetown, South Africa.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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% State Representative
(1) Term expires November, 1957
(2) Term expires November, 1959

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 16, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with Comments, are shown below:

Exhibit A - Balance Sheet, December 31, 1955
Exhibit B - Statement of Income and Expense, Central Office, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955
Exhibit C - Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 1 - Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
Schedule 2 - Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Co.
Schedule 3 - Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Literature
Schedule 4 - Accounts Payable, December 31, 1955
Schedule 5 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 6 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Commission on Equal Penalties, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 7 - Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements, State Divisions, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $ 18,408.97
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $ 53,594.38

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at December 31, 1955 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - $ 89,486.10

This consists of nine Treasury bills of $10,000 each dated October 13, 1955, due January 12, 1956. They are held by the Citizens Trust Company on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank. The bank has been instructed to reinvest this fund upon the maturity of the bills.

Accounts Receivable - $ 84.00

Schedule 3 attached shows a list of those who have purchased literature, and whose accounts remain unpaid at December 31.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $ 1,530.00

This represents the cost price of pamphlets on hand at December 31, 1955.

Accounts Payable - $ 1,789.56

Schedule 4 contains the list of unpaid accounts for regular operations at December 31. These have all been paid at the date of this report.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $ 1,894.24

This represents social security taxes and income taxes withheld at December 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Due to Special Projects - $ 1,148.31

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects indicated. No activity took place in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the year.

Advance Appropriations - $112,500.00

This represents an advance from the Fund for the Republic for the next nine months of operation of the Central Office and State Organizations.

General

Exhibit B reflects Income for the Central Office for the year of $89,938.26 and Expenses of $86,506.19 or an excess of Income over Expenses of $3,432.07.

Exhibit C shows the Income for State Organizations of $151,537.50 and Expenses of $127,963.22, and an excess of Income over Expenses of $23,574.28 for the year.

At December 31 all twelve state organizations had been activated, although some began operations late in the year.

In our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Statements of Income and Expense present fairly the financial condition at December 31, 1955 and results of operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)	$ 18,408.97	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects(Sch. 2)	53,594.38	
State Divisions Savings	89,486.10	
Accounts Receivable (Sch. 3)	84.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,530.00	
Total Assets		$ 163,103.45

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 4)		$ 1,789.56	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,894.24	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.46	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	807.24	1,148.31	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic		112,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 117,335.57
Surplus, December 31, 1955			45,767.88
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 163,103.45

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Contributions:		
Church Sources:		
The Board of Education of the Methodist Church	$ 300.00	
The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church	750.00	
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church	1,200.00	
The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.	1,000.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	250.00	
The Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.	200.00	
Michigan Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church	100.00	
Georgia Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church	25.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Glenn Memorial Church	50.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kentucky	75.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Disciples of Peace Fellowship	25.00	
Total Church Contributions		$ 3,995.00
Labor Organizations:		
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - A.F.L.	500.00	
American Federation of Labor	1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers of America - CIO	100.00	
United Auto Workers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations	750.00	
Total Labor Organizations		4,350.00
Foundation Sources:		
Field Foundation	7,000.00	
Doris Duke Foundation	10,000.00	
Miller and Rhodes Foundation	200.00	
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00	
Rita H. Aronstom Charitable and Educational Foundation	50.00	
Sidney Hillman Foundation	200.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Total Foundation Sources		18,350.00

EXHIBIT B
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Brought Forward from EXHIBIT B, Page 1	$ 26,695.00
Individuals	3,694.00
Miscellaneous	11.00
Total Contributions	$ 30,400.00
Members Dues	337.00
Honoraria	1,721.96
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	2,657.72
New South Subscriptions	4,876.50
Fund for the Republic Grant	46,850.00
Interest Income	3,095.08
Total Income	$ 89,938.26

EXPENSE

	Paid	Due Dec. 31	Total
Salaries	$ 56,228.28		$ 56,228.28
Travel	7,369.75	$ 901.40	8,271.15
Printing	6,997.84	514.22	7,512.06
Rent	1,400.00		1,400.00
Telephone & Telegraph	2,235.08	187.70	2,422.78
Postage	1,535.21		1,535.21
Books and Subscriptions	686.28	22.64	708.92
Accounting Fees	550.00	45.00	595.00
Office Supplies	1,501.16	88.60	1,589.76
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com.	2,310.56		2,310.56
OAB Taxes	780.20	50.24	830.44
Bank Exchange	2.55		2.55
Georgia Sales Tax	19.03	3.46	22.49
Office Equipment	601.42		601.42
Office Alterations	200.00		200.00
Consultants Fees	1,557.00		1,557.00
Special Services	541.97	30.00	571.97
Miscellaneous Expenses	146.60		146.60
Total Expenses	$ 84,662.93	$1,843.26	$ 86,506.19

Total Income - 1955	$ 89,938.26
Total Expenses - 1955	86,506.19
Excess of Income over Expenses	$ 3,432.07

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic			$150,350.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations			1,000.00
Interest Income			187.50
Total Income			$151,537.50

EXPENSE

Salaries	$81,182.51		
Consultants Fees	5,500.00		
Local expenses	28,713.32		
Social Security Taxes	1,393.13	$ 116,788.96	
Items Chargeable against Unallocated State Funds:			
Fisk Institute	$ 2,236.64		
Legal expense	572.16		
Atlanta University Conf.	826.92		
Report to Exec. Com. by Asst. Dir. for Program	350.00		
Mammoth Cave Meeting	605.30		
Irene Osborne	5,436.47		
John Hope	1,000.00		
Miscellaneous	146.77	11,174.26	
Total expenses			$127,963.22
Excess of Income over Expenses			$ 23,574.28

EXHIBIT C

BANK RECONCILIATION - FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Atlanta, Georgia

December 31, 1955

Balance, per bank				$20,749.96
Less checks outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	7362	$ 177.26	
7145	140.00	7363	138.43	
7354	104.50	7364	94.95	
7357	362.87	7365	94.95	
7358	253.56	7366	204.10	
7359	243.56	7367	119.80	
7360	181.43	7368	75.05	
7361	138.43	7374	4.31	2,340.99
Balance per books, December 31, 1955				$18,408.97

Schedule 1

BANK RECONCILIATION - CITIZENS TRUST CO.,

Atlanta, Georgia

December 31, 1955

Balance per bank				$58,942.83
Less Checks Outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
1962	$ 7.20	2448	$ 88.19	
2362	181.43	2449	98.19	
2365	100.27	2450	73.95	
2392	35.00	2451	224.10	
2403	181.43	2453	181.43	
2407	44.80	2454	83.19	
2419	83.19	2455	182.26	
2433	46.77	2456	172.26	
2437	186.43	2457	208.33	
2438	197.26	2458	102.09	
2439	82.79	2459	142.91	
2440	181.43	2460	187.26	
2441	93.19	2461	85.27	
2443	100.27	2462	44.00	
2444	44.80	2463	192.26	
2445	186.43	2464	177.26	
2446	88.19	2465	88.19	
2447	176.43	2467	1000.00	5,348.45
Balance, per books, December 31, 1955				$53,594.38

Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE
December 31, 1955

Virginia Council on Human Relations	$ 80.00
Methodist Publishing House	2.50
Burlington,North Carolina City Schools	1.50
Total	$ 84.00

Schedule 3

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
December 31, 1955

Vendor	Amount
M. A. Wright	$ 30.00
Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations	.90
The Reporter	4.50
Texas Observer	2.00
University of Chicago Press	6.00
L. E. Campbell	45.00
National Education Association of U.S.	9.24
Office Supply Co.	3.30
Mathews Drive-u-self Service	7.99
Mimeograph Co.	8.60
Elliott Address Machine Co.	30.55
F. Olden Co.	71.00
Stein Printing Co.	483.87
Frederick Routh	5.90
Cook Typewriter Service	5.70
Southern Bell Telephone Company	187.70
Eastern Air Lines	887.51
Total	$ 1,789.56

Distribution:

Printing	$ 514.22
Office Supplies	88.60
Books and Subscriptions	22.64
Travel	901.40
Special Services	30.00
Accounting	45.00
Telephone & Telegraph	187.70
Total	$ 1,789.56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Special Projects

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1955	$ 1,370.99	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00	
Honorarium	97.00	
Total Receipts		$ 2,467.99
Disbursements		
Workshop Expense	827.75	
Travel	782.55	
Postage and Supplies	50.45	
Total Expense		1,660.75
Balance, December 31, 1955		$ 807.24

Schedule 5

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1955	$ 341.07
Disbursements	
None	
Balance, December 31, 1955	$ 341.07

Schedule 6

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
STATE DIVISIONS
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

	Balance 1/1/55	Receipts	Disbursements
Alabama	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 2.00
Arkansas	8.00	5.00	13.00
Florida	29.50	15.00	44.50
Kentucky	3.00	1.00	4.00
Louisiana	6.00	-	6.00
Mississippi	9.00	6.00	15.00
South Carolina	22.50	-	22.50
Tennessee	6.00	3.00	9.00
Totals	$ 85.00	$ 31.00	$ 116.00

Schedule 7

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Editorials

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BOSTON, SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1956 "First th

To Strengthen the Forces of Reason

This newspaper has been urging the President to call a meeting of outstanding national leaders, both white and Negro, particularly from the South but also from other parts of the country, and representing many callings and shades of opinion. The only specification should be that every participant believe a mutual accommodation is possible between the races within the intent of the Supreme Court's decision outlawing segregation in the public schools.

We have been urging that the discussions of such a conference and before a forum of such prestige would contribute greatly toward creating a climate of public thinking and feeling in which men of good will could seek solutions with hope of success. As things have been going the militants on each side have been reacting so loudly and violently to militancy on the other that the voices of reason are being drowned out by the uproar.

Even more serious, each side tends to bracket the moderates with its opponents. Thus the middle ground shrinks, the chasm grows, and those who seek and could build bridges of understanding have no role to play save that of reluctant partisans in the camp least hostile to them.

How might such a "White House" conference go about furthering its mission?

For one thing, it could invite before it spokesmen of organizations with experience and accomplishments in the field of racial cooperation.

One such organization is the Southern Regional Council, founded 12 years ago as successor to another body with similar aims. It is composed of educators, clergymen, businessmen, labor leaders, and newspaper editors representing both races. Its professional staff, largely white, operates in 12 southern states. The council has been working with marked success. Its activities today need national status and attention to make them visible and audible above the dust and noise.

Another organization is the veteran Urban League. Also under biracial sponsorship but with a Negro staff, it has been working quietly but with great effectiveness for 45 years overcoming, by voluntary means, job discrimination against Negroes and helping Negroes, many of them migrants from the farm, to become better citizens and neighbors in modern industrial cities.

The working tool of these two organizations has been the joint approach — biracial discussion leading to mutual understanding and then to cooperative action. That has been the tool of other groups, religious and civic, which have achieved progress in this field—the method, too, of many individuals who have made significant contributions. They also should be invited to share their counsel.

It is to give the ideas and devoted efforts of these organizations, and individuals, the prestige and amplification necessary in the situation of today that we again urge the President to convene a top-level conference on the issue at the White House.

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

April 24, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Harold C. Fleming

Here, for your information, are two new favorable mentions of SRC by national publications. The article from Time points up the Council's role in calling attention to the economic aspects of the crisis in the South today. Even more noteworthy is the editorial from the Christian Science Monitor which calls for national recognition of the SRC as an agency which can contribute to the solution of the current acute racial problem. We will keep you informed of any developments arising from the Monitor's proposal.

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TIME April 30, 1956

INTEGRATION IN THE SOUTH

Industry & Labor Make It Work

IN the South's worried soul-searching over desegregation, Southern businessmen have found a new cause for alarm. They fear that the uproar may scare away their star boarder: new industry from the North. In the lead article of its April issue, the Southern Regional Council's *New South* cautions: "The bright future of the South in industry is being dimmed by racial tensions." Opie D. Shelton, executive vice president of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, warned the Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives: "Boycotts, economic reprisals, incidents of violence—these are new factors which will now be given consideration by industry and business when they consider a Southern location. The South faces a crisis such as it has not met in its lifetime."

In some cases, labor unions have heightened the sense of impending crisis. The A.F.L.-C.I.O., which set out to combat racial discrimination as one of the prime aims of the unified labor movement, has offended many Southern unionists and unorganized workers by supporting integration. In Alabama and Tennessee angered locals are threatening to secede from parent unions, demand lily-white, "Anglo-Saxon" unions.

But despite such scattered outbreaks of rebellion, there is no evidence that the integration issue has slowed the industrialization of the South. The chief reason is that industry is the most successful exponent of desegregation in the South, though Southerners are reluctant to admit it. From the steel mills of Birmingham to the docks of New Orleans, the Negro worker, once relegated to menial jobs and Jim Crow unions, is moving steadily across the color bar into skilled jobs and nonsegregated union locals.

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In Memphis the International Harvester Co. has had no trouble, though it has been promoting Negroes to skilled foundry and machine jobs since the plant opened in 1948. Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Georgia's biggest employer, has been equally successful in assigning Negro workers to skilled assembly and fabrication jobs at its huge Marietta bomber plant, recently hired its first Negro engineer. In some Southern cities women office workers of both races also work desk by desk. Even in Mississippi, where former Governor Hugh White vowed last year that segregation would be preserved "until hell freezes over," dozens of industries from the North have integrated workers without incident.

In a major breakthrough toward equality of opportunity, Texas oil workers this year have succeeded in abolishing a discriminatory "dual promotion" system, under which Negroes were hired only as laborers and could not compete with white workers for operating jobs. At Beaumont's Magnolia Petroleum Co., the first company to scrap the old system, 32 Negroes have already stepped into operating jobs, while 13 whites have been hired as laborers.

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Despite the threats of revolt, A.F.L.-C.I.O. leaders see little danger of mass secession by segregationist locals, mainly because organized workers would be reluctant to forfeit the contracts and bargaining power they have won through international unions. In union affairs and on the job, most organized workers in the South today recognize that equality of opportunity and pay benefits all workers, regardless of race. Drinking fountains, washrooms and cafeterias are usually still segregated in Southern plants—in most cases by state law—but union activities are nearly always integrated. In many locals, *e.g.*, packinghouse, textile, woodworkers, elected Negro officers represent members of both races.

While Northern management and union leaders have led the fight for job equality in the South, many longtime Southern industries that have resisted unionization are also opening up skilled jobs for Negroes. Probably no Southern industry has taken greater strides toward integration than the building trades. White and Negro masons (among the industry's best-paid workers) now work side by side; Negro plasterers even outnumber whites.

Far from boasting about the progress of desegregation, most Southern businessmen still act as though equality were a dirty word. In a typical reaction, a North Carolina industrialist who was discussing plans to broaden skilled-job opportunities for Negro workers, cautioned: "If we got any publicity on this, everyone would be on our necks next morning. The key word is 'inconspicuous.' We've got to do these things just as quietly as possible." Nevertheless, desegregation of industry remains one of the most powerful liberating forces in the South today. And it will continue, since industries are less concerned with emotional considerations than hard economic fact: the South's critical shortage of skilled labor can only be met by training and promoting workers on the basis of capability, not color.

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FILE COPY

May 15, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

There is no reason for me to assume that I would be thought of for re-election as your President. It seems wise, however, to remove that possibility from speculation. My decision is not to permit my name to be considered at the next annual meeting.

I make this announcement well in advance of the event in order that full consideration may be given to a successor.

My tour of duty in this office has brought me many satisfactions, not the least of which has been the privilege of knowing in the membership of the organization the choice spirits of the South. Knowing them, one may only have confidence that the South will yield itself to their leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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mailed 6/18/56

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*Also members of SRC finance committee

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 18, 1956

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS OF THE SRC FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In March of this year, it will be remembered that the various state representatives on the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council were brought, or asked to come, together either at New Orleans or at Atlanta. It was then explained that we had two money-raising problems:

(1) To get about $13,000 to enable the central office to meet its budget for the fiscal year;

(2) To get about $25,000 (inclusive of the $13,000 -- that is to say $12,000 over and above the $13,000) in order to meet our 1956 fund-raising commitment to the Fund for the Republic.

Since March, we have had some favorable income developments. We will have enough money to meet the central office budget. So that number one above is cared for.

Most of the help came in the form of a grant from the New World Foundation for $17,000 to continue John Hope's program of Consultants' Services. That grant from a non-Fund for the Republic source took us a long way toward home base on raising the $25,000. That grant plus what we expect from other outside sources make it look as if we shall be $5,000 or $5,500 short of the $55,000 from outside sources that we must raise in order to qualify for the final year's grant from the Fund for the Republic.

So it comes down to needing everyone's help on fetching together around $5,000.

Of course it is the case that we ought in this year to bring in quite goodly sums in order that next year's burden should be less.

We will be grateful for what you can do toward getting together your part of the needed minimum, or preferably of the much larger sum we shall be needing next year.

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(Dictated 6/14/56)

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE * State by State
(note attached exception to Bob Hughes)

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Sincerely,

DRAFT:

COVERING LTR TO BOB HUGHES IN LIEU OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ALABAMA.

DEAR Bob:

By our records, Alabama has still not put up a man to be on the Finance Committee of the Board of SRC. So I send this letter to you informationally. But we still want you to name us somebody. Everybody else did.

Sincerely,

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 3, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

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Here is some report for April, May, and June, 1956.

BACK AND FORTH

Harold Fleming has been to New York a couple of times, conferring variously and about the special fact-finding program; and generally making friends for us.

Fred Routh has been out to meetings of our state people in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky. Along with John Hope and the consultants' service program, he has been also to South Carolina and Florida.

People have got on to Fred Routh for a speaker: Southern Sociological Society, Spelman College, AAUW at Birmingham, ADL in Atlanta, Oglethorpe University, the ADL Conference in Oklahoma, Clark College in Atlanta, etc. In addition, he went up to the Board meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials at Detroit; and made a swing to the West Coast, mainly for the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco. That let him get on to Los Angeles and Seattle for appearances with similar groups. Whereby our gospel has been carried to the West Coast.

Mrs. Tilly has attended meetings of the church women in six states.

George Mitchell met with labor groups at the International Ladies Garments Workers training institute, in New York; with an AFL-CIO luncheon in Washington; and taught again at the Kentucky Labor School. For church-related bodies he spoke to the Presbyterians (U.S.) in Charleston; to a body of Baptist ministers (National Baptist Convention) in Atlanta; to the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee; to a Convention of the American Jewish Congress; to the Methodist Settlement Workers; for a retreat for the Catholic St. Peter Claver Center (Washington, D.C.) near Charlottesville; and for the Ecumenical Conference for the Southeastern area of the National Council of Churches. Other groups reached included

Bennett College at Greensboro, the Kansas Conference of Social Work (for good pay), the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission (which handsomely awarded Mrs. Tilly and George Mitchell), the National Federation of Settlements (St. Louis, and again for good pay), and the Alabama Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

A new line of business begins now to pop up. We get visited or written to by perplexed local groups, on how they can plan wisely for the future. Quite an interesting such visit from an Asheville, North Carolina delegation. The college at Wadley, Alabama, similarly needed advice. And most remarkable, the City Administrator of Orangeburg, South Carolina, wrote in for advice on what Orangeburg should do. We hear from our state people that this is a spreading trend; notwithstanding the noises made at the tops of several states, the local city officials are trying to figure out how they can comply!

Still another new need. People begin to write memoirs, and ask us for help in recalling things past. Somebody is doing a life of Lucy Mason; and Jack Woofter is doing his story.

And the usual run of visitors from the ends of Creation; and the mail, and the telephone. What makes it all possible is the efficiency with which the staff do their jobs, and the wisdom and care of the state organizations in so conducting their affairs as to give us only two or three chronic cases of worry.

THE TREND OF THE TIMES

Last time I reported good causes were embattled. An introduced yeast had caused visible Southern public opinion to rise up against desegregation.

This time I think the puff is out of the risen dough. There is still noise, mostly from Governors, politicos, and legislatures. But there is a pleasing tendency for local officials to adjust their minds and their plans to opening the schools. The undertone, "it's coming" is heard more often. We have had evidence that quite a string of cities is trying to figure out the next step in the direction of compliance: Norfolk, Richmond, Asheville, Greensboro, Knoxville, Nashville (even Memphis!), Atlanta, etc. And Texas continues to do well. Kentucky has about decided that behaving is to its liking. In Oklahoma the problem is nearly over. Significant that Thurgood Marshall at the San Francisco convention of the NAACP at the end of June divided the Southern states into those where leadership had shown good faith (where the NAACP would continue to negotiate for further compliance); and those where resistance was emphatic (where the NAACP would sue). Nine for negotiation; eight to be sued.

And Vann Woodward has lately been saying that in the Reconstruction period the whole South, even the border states, bucked the United States; while this time it is only a few. That's a bull point.

Conclusion: now that both sides have been noisily put, sensible people are beginning to ask how to get on with what has to be done. That is where SRC shines! We think we know what to do!

THE CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. Tilly's help has gone mainly to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia. Alabama had a workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. They needed such a meeting because communication between the races has been all too infrequent in Alabama latterly.

In Louisiana, she checked matters over with the principal officers of the United Church Women and spoke at a gathering at Baton Rouge. The local version of Citizens' Councils -- there called the Southern Gentlemen -- were on hand. One or two essayed to worry Mrs. Tilly with Bible texts. But they soon got back better than they could give, and ended by apoligizing for some portion of their rudeness. One of the men told Mrs. Tilly that she was too nice to be on the wrong side. She said that was what she thought about his being a member of the Southern Gentlemen.

In Georgia she went to the regular annual meeting of the North Georgia Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; met later with a segment of the leadership of the Woman's Society to discuss integration in the schools; and taught a course every day or two for a couple of weeks in seven Methodist churches in Atlanta. Thus described, the teaching looks routine. But these were churches in areas where the women's husbands are quite apt to belong to the KKK!

In Mississippi, Mrs. Tilly gave a week in June to teaching at the School of Missions of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church at Gulfside, which is to say she spouted decency to and with Negro Methodism in the South.

On top of these entirely Southern things, she went to Philadelphia in April and got handsomely awarded by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission. Went on to New York and conferred extensively with the United Church Women, the YWCA, and the Methodist Church. Also spoke at a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington.

The Council has been appealing here and there for further funds for what Mrs. Tilly does. Thus far we have found listeners who seem likely to find two, three, or four thousand dollars, but not the fifteen or eighteen thousand dollars a year that she should have. What Mrs. Tilly does is valuable beyond price, and one would think that somebody could see it.

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July 3, 1956

IN THE STATES

Fred Routh's notes:

ALABAMA: Working quietly with seventy ministers across the state to stand for integration. Working with student groups at the University of Alabama for a peaceful September, 1956.

ARKANSAS: Quietly working with more school districts to bring about a policy of desegregation. State Commission on Industrial Expansion Director used ACHR material in speech warning of growing threat to industrial expansion because of non-compliance.

FLORIDA: Board assuming responsibility for fund-raising. Staff working with "locals" and ministerial groups. Dade County Council on Community Relations (five years old and 400 strong) voted to affiliate with Florida Council.

GEORGIA: Atlanta Council on Human Relations formed; has potentialities. Full day work-session on school problems held in Macon. Director speaking before status organizations.

KENTUCKY: Working on problem of keep teachers by merit not race. Cooperation from State Board of Education. Consultant service to desegregating districts. New Director good choice.

LOUISIANA: Joint Committee, similar to one in Washington, D.C., formed in New Orleans. With NAACP presently outlawed new responsibilities falling on Louisiana Council.

MISSISSIPPI: Conditions in the state make work all but impossible. Resignation of state chairman calls for "agonizing reappraisal" of SRC support of state organization. This underway.

NORTH CAROLINA: Closely working with Charlotte Council and local school authorities. Interview with Governor disclosed a policy of "hands off" local decisions but the Governor still hopes for "voluntary" segregation.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Staff helping get the story out on WCC activities. Work in Orangeburg area to keep lid from blowing off.

TENNESSEE: Office moved to Nashville; new state Chairman, Mrs. Mollie Todd, civic leader. Consultant program active; seeking Executive Director.

TEXAS: A study, "Texas Schools in Transition" underway. Ed Kloppe, a pusher, made full-time Executive Director. Advisory Committee in Austin more active in working with staff and board. Organized labor and Negro teachers still cooperating with Texas Commission.

VIRGINIA Working with several communities which may move to desegregate this Fall. Organizing more "locals." Publishing highly informative newsletter. Cooperating with other organizations of like mind.

MOVIE OF THE MAP

The Northern Presbyterians are using some of the Fund for the Republic's grant to them to get a movie done of George Mitchell's well-known "map speech." They found an Atlanta movie-maker who likes the job. Only problem is that the sponsors and the movie-makers agree that the thing has to be squshed into twenty-six minutes, whereas the full-length job runs to thirty-eight. The argument is that the shorter version can get onto television, and nothing longer could. So Mitchell has whacked out the jokes that relieve the seriousness, and the details that add conviction, and is behaving compliantly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee met in April, in Atlanta. Tolerable attendance, not better. Much business in a two-day session. Next meeting is relaxed, in July, on St. Helena's Island, in South Carolina. The Quakers are readying there an interracial conference spot. Good spot; replete with oysters and crabs and with an honest tradition of forty acres and a mule.

ALTERED OFFER TO TWO STATES

When we began our program of aid to state organizations we sent out a famous memorandum #1, which outlined even-steven assistance to each of twelve. And until quite lately we have stuck by just that offer.

Recently it seemed good to offer a tailor-made program for Kentucky and for Tennessee, and we have so offered. Kentucky ends up with less than its covenanted aid from us in the current fiscal year, but with the money in pockets that better fit their needs. Tennessee much the same, except that Kentucky got going at once with what she wanted to do, and Tennessee is hunting for staff for getting going again.

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July 3, 1956

INFORMATION

Publications

New South during the quarter now ending ran several noteworthy articles especially prepared for us. The April issue brought together facts and opinion on racial problems as a threat to the South's economic development; the lead article was reprinted by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and various other papers. The May issue published for the first time a uniquely strong speech by a chamber of commerce executive warning business leaders that they must give positive leadership in racial affairs. An article in the same issue by an Arkansas educator debunked the myth that downgrading of educational standards inevitably follows desegregation; this drew editorial comment in several Southern newspapers and will be of special value to teacher and parent groups. The June issue carries an analysis of "interposition" by Professor Arthur S. Miller, of the Emory University Law School, which is probably the clearest thing yet on the subject.

Also published: "Three views of Desegregation," including statements by William Faulkner and Benjamin Mays, in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association and the Fund for the Republic. "What the Supreme Court Said," giving the texts and analysis of the decisions, is proving a popular program item with our state affiliates and other organizations.

Newspapers and Magazines

The usual number of reporters and magazine writers sought us out for information and advice. Among those requesting and getting special help were writers for various bureaus of the Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Time, Life, Collier's, Newsweek, The Reporter, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Atlanta papers; also NBC Television News and the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

Materials Distributed

Through the state groups and otherwise, SRC distributed reprints of the New York Times' special supplement on the South, the desegregation issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, a Reporter article on the Montgomery bus boycott by the Rev. Thomas Thrasher, the American Civil Liberties Union's annual report, the Bulletin of the Fund for the Republic, the Fund's several fact-sheets, and additional copies of "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools."

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Speeches and Consultation

The Assistant Director for Information spoke to an aggregation of teenagers at a YWCA camp and to a parents group of the Grace Methodist Church. Consulted on program with representatives of the Christian Congregationalist Churches, Presbyterian Church Women, the American Teachers Association, the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations, the American Recreation Association, the Catholic Interracial Council, the Fund for the Republic, and others unrecorded.

The Record-Keepers

These days, mainly with the help of the Doris Duke Foundation, we are advantaged with a one and one-half woman unit that collects and catalogues the pamphlets. Ten papers and seven magazines get active clipping. And we occasionally snip from something else. Our state offices send in quite a stream of local material, which we also ticket away. In this half of 1956 we have already filed a greater cubic yardage than in all of 1955. Pamphlets 1,500. Indexed and cross-indexed.

Nearly every day some hurry call comes in for a special rounding up of facts for a student, a teacher, the YW, a church, a newspaper, or somebody else. It takes seventy-five letters a month to send out what people ask for.

They keep a careful record of pro-segregation activity, economic pressure, desegregation in the public schools, colleges that are open, pro-segregation groups, playgrounds that are open, and some categories of Negro office-holding.

The little unit briefs our consultants when they are going out to new places. The whole unit has been invaluable in the fact-finding enterprise. It is the brick yards where much of the work is done.

SPECIAL FACT-FINDING PROGRAM

Desegregation Survey

An inventory of specific instances of desegregation occurring since May, 1954 was completed during the quarter. With the addition of one temporary staff member, Mrs. Margaret Price, and the use of three short-term reporters in Missouri and Oklahoma, it was possible to cover reasonably well the 17 Southern and border states. Some 1100 usable instances were collected. The report of the findings, running to approximately 100 pages, has been completed and sent to the Fund for

the Republic and David Loth, who directed a similar study of the 31 non-Southern states. At this writing, some form of joint publication of the SRC and Loth reports is being explored. In any case, we plan to publish a summary of the SRC findings -- probably in New South -- and release it to the press. The findings bear out the original assumption that an inventory of desegregation would produce an impressive body of material and could help to counteract the discouraging effect of recent negative developments.

Study of Negro Suffrage in the South

The aim of this project is to assemble for the twelve Southern states information on the present extent of Negro registration and voting, obstacles to full Negro suffrage, and the relation of disenfranchisement to county data on population, income, industrialization, and urbanization. The study is well under way in nine of the twelve states; in the remaining three, there are problems of personnel which we hope to solve shortly. In each of the activated states, a qualified director for the study has been secured on a part-time consultant basis, and additional personnel are used as needed. This is a "crash" project, the deadline for fact-finding being the end of September; it is also the largest in scope, and probably the most important in terms of public policy.

Study of Southern Industrialization

In the controversy over desegregation, the industrialization of the South has come to the fore. SRC has commissioned Hammer and Company, economic consultants, to gather information on all industries locating in the South in the last five to ten years, with respect to type, size, and ownership. This is a large operation, involving inquiries by mail or in person to dozens of chambers of commerce, industrial development agencies, and plant location firms. The data collected will be tabulated and analyzed in terms of their meaning for race relations. In this way, we hope to clarify the implications which new industry holds for racial problems and progress in the region. The deadline for the fact-finding is no later than September 1.

Field Study of Resistance Movements

We have employed a temporary staff member to gather first-hand information on the nature and leadership of the various pro-segregation organizations operating in the South. He is Paul Anthony, of Atlanta, a graduate of the University of Miami's Human Relations Department, who has had experience in both social science action-research and in

business. Mr. Anthony has spent two weeks digesting the large body of material already available and is presently carrying on field research in Alabama. His findings will be available to SRC staff as he completes his field travel in each state. At the end of the project, he will prepare an over-all summary and analysis, which will be the basis for such publications and reports as seem indicated.

Field Study of Labor and Race Relations

Under a special financial arrangement with the trade union consultant to the Fund for the Republic, Mr. Benjamin Segal, a qualified Southern trade unionist has been engaged for a three-month period of field work. He is Morton Elder, of Birmingham, who has had many years of experience in workers education and other labor activity in the CIO. Mr. Elder is to gather information on the progress of Negroes in the labor movement, new problems arising out of the school segregation controversy, practices which affect equal opportunities in employment, upgrading, and promotion, and effective methods for improving race relations within the union movement. This project is being carried out with the knowledge and approval of appropriate labor leadership.

FOREIGN VISITORS

April 5	Frank Tomney, Labor Party Representative in the British Parliament. South of England.
April 10	Louis H. A. Frequin, Editor-in-Chief of the Gelderlander Press of Nijmegen. Berg on Dalsweg 466, Nijimegen.
April 30	John Burns Hynd, 18 Lakeside, Enfield, Middlesex, England. Labor member of the British Parliament, and a participant in the Foreign Leader Exchange Program of the International Educational Exchange Service, U. S. Department of State.
May 9	Drachkovitch Milorad, 11 Dyver, Bruges - Belgium (Europe). Professor at the College of Europe.
May 11	Max Brauer, Hamburg, Germany. Former Lord Mayor of Hamburg, Germany.
May 28	Hans Menzel, City Editor - Salzburgee Valksblott, Salzburg, Austria.
June 4	Dr. Werner Imhoff, (Switzerland), 3914 Livingston, Washington D. C. Journalist.

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June 4 — Dr. Peter Korteweg, 1801 Clydesdale Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. Washington correspondent for ten Dutch newspapers.

June 12 — Charles Pannell, 159 Glenview, Abbey Wood, London, S. E. 2, England. Labor Member of Parliament, England.

June 18 — Seet Leong Seng, c/o Quantas Empire Airways Ltd., MacDonald House, Singapore 9. Senior Staff Clerk, Quantas Empire Airways, Ltd. Singapore.

June 18 — Chellappah Rasadural, 415 Lemon St., Seremban, N.S. Seremban, N.S. Malaya. Clerk, Sessions Court, Seremban.

DIARY ITEMS

Mitchell spent several days twenty miles from Asheville, North Carolina. A delegation of forward-looking Asheville citizens, white and Negro, came to sit on the porch and conjointly plan the desegregation of the Asheville schools.

Met for a couple of days with nearly all the ministers, and some of the laymen in those scattered churches of the Northern Presbyterian Church up and down the Southeastern Atlantic Seaboard. Mostly Negro churches. What to do and how to do it?

Put in one whole morning with His Honor, the Lord Mayor of Hamburg, Germany, and all afternoon with a reporter from the Washington Post.

The Student Council at Swarthmore badly needed a speaker. Got them one.

Small college in Alabama wanted faculty advised on how to desegregate. Gave it.

Southeastern meeting of the National Council of Churches needed some teaching on desegregation. Provided it.

John Constable helped Southern Regional Office, National Student Council, YWCA, select material on desegregation for two student conferences.

Sent samples of suggested materials on desegregation to directors of Summer human relations workshops in the South and border states. Some requests for additional materials subsequently received.

Fred Routh rode on train with leader of White Citizens' Council of East Black Belt of Alabama; man discouraged about rapidity of desegregation and bad name WCC getting from Ace Carter.

Talked with officer of General Electric who felt that industry could not afford to let politicians and bigots ruin Southern economy.

Field representative of National Student Association stopped by office; long talk on what can college students do to prevent future "Tuscaloosas." He reported that the President of the student body at the University of Alabama had written the national office saying students were "ashamed" of what had happened.

Talked with NAACP leader from Louisiana who said, "Little old brown man name of Gandhi toppled an empire with passive resistance; Montgomery bus protest means the same thing." This concept is spreading and passive resistance is growing as a policy in a number of Southern communities.

Mrs. Tilly was teaching at a church school some sub-teens. One asked, "Mrs. Tilly, where in the Bible does it say God created the black man?". Mrs. Tilly replied, "In the first chapter of Genesis it says God created man in his own image and likeness, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." The child said, "Was Adam a black man?".

Mrs. Tilly at Baton Rouge. The self-styled Southern Gentlemen and their lady-folk were present. One such lady to Mrs. Tilly: "You are going to make my child go to school with n--------'s." Mrs. Tilly: "I haven't that power." The lady: "You are the Southern Regional Council, ain't you?".

JOHN HOPE AND THE CONSULTANTS

A report from this program is compressed herewith:

Two workshops in this quarter. South Carolina late in April. Three SRC staff persons plus a consultant from Florida State University, and another from Howard University. Thirty-nine present, of whom seven were members of the Board of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. The rest had been invited by the state Director.

Other one for Florida held at Lakeland in early June. Two SRC staff persons present. One consultant from the University of Kentucky and another from Howard University. Nine members of the Board of the Florida Council on Human Relations present. Total attendance eighteen.

The Florida group with more Board members is more sophisticated, but each group proceeded quite considerably.

The Florida meeting provided the answer to a perplexing problem: How to meet the situation of summoning the Board members for training when the states have to pay? Answer: hook the training on to the normal Board meetings anyway.

Workshops coming up : Alabama in late September, North Carolina maybe.

Grow points: John Hope thinks about arranging consultation services with school boards, and study groups within school boards.

May use consultants as speakers and panel participants when SRC staff members not available. In some states consultants could be invited when SRC personnel wouldn't!

Specifically aimed visits by consultants to SRC state offices.

John Hope, himself, is helping unravel the problems of Nashville in public school desegregation.

Quite clearly we are getting our money's worth in thinking and training and teaching from the consultants' program.

MONEY

Mrs. Ruth Alexander reports herewith.

Meanwhile we feel fairly safe for getting through this fiscal year. The states are all right; and all are being aided as agreed. The Atlanta office looks as though it will just about meet its total budget for the fiscal year, but that depends on our getting in eight thousand dollars or so of what we hope for from other people. As to meeting our quota with the Fund for the Republic ($55,000 from outside sources) we are within sight of the goal largely because the New World Foundation has sent us $17,000 to keep the special project of consultants' services going through this calendar year. We will need about five thousand dollars this year, which we hope the Board's Finance Committee will find.

GSM/eab

Atlanta, Georgia
July 12, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 inclusive.

The following Exhibits and schedules, together with comments, are shown below:

EXHIBIT A - Statement of Financial Condition, June 30, 1956
EXHIBIT B - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Operating Fund
EXHIBIT C - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations.
EXHIBIT D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned.
SCHEDULE 1- Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
SCHEDULE 2- Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
SCHEDULE 3- Schedule of Contributions

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $18,723.78
Cash In Bank - Special Projects - $29,699.93

All recorded receipts were checked with bank deposits, and all disbursements, which were made by check, were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at June 30, 1956 were confirmed by correspondence with the respective banks.

State Organizations - Savings - $49,650.00

This represents funds belonging to the State Organizations program, and are invested in short-term U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by correspondence with the bank holding them in safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Fact-Finding Program Savings - $29,805.00

This represents funds invested in U.S. Treasury Bills. These were confirmed by the bank holding them for safekeeping at the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta.

Payroll Taxes - $2520.14

This is the total of withholding taxes and Old-Age Benefit taxes for both the central office and State Organizations for June, 1956.

Due to Special Projects - $640.48

No activity occurred in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the period under review. Exhibit D shows the changes in the Fellowship of the Concerned Fund for the period.

Advance Appropriations - $99,500.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic pertains to the next three months. The Fact-Finding Program advance covers six months, and the New World Foundation advance covers seven months.

General

Exhibit B shows receipts for the Central office of $32,973.17, which includes transfers from Citizens Trust Company, $7,000.00 of unexpended State Organizations' 1955-56 funds, and $20,000.00 of Fact-Finding Program funds to First National checking account. Surplus at the end of June, 1956 is $16,383.88 less than at March 31, 1956.

In our opinion, the attached Statement of Financial Conditions and Statements of Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the financial condition at June 30, 1956 and the results of operations for the three-month period ended at that date.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Financial Condition
June 30, 1956

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)	$ 18,723.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch. 2)	29,699.93	
State Organizations - Savings	49,650.00	
Accounts Receivable - Literature	80.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,230.00	
Fact-Finding Program Savings	29,805.00	
Total Assets		$ 129,188.71

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes		$ 2,520.14	
Georgia Sales Tax		2.01	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission of Equal Penalties	$ 341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	299.41	640.48	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic	37,500.00		
Fact-Finding Program	45,000.00		
New World Foundation	17,000.00	99,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 102,662.63
Surplus			26,526.08
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 129,188.71

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Operating Fund
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Contributions (See Schedule 3)	$ 2,645.00		
Members Dues	80.00		
New South Subscriptions	1,948.17		
Sale of Literature	647.88		
Honoraria	652.12		
Transfer from State Organizations:			
Unexpended 1955-56 State Organization Funds	7,000.00		
Fact-Finding Checking account	20,000.00	$ 32,973.17	
Balance in Bank April 1, 1956		14,378.09	
Total To Be Accounted For			$ 47,351.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	17,062.20	
Travel	1,981.38	
Printing - other than New South	639.06	
Printing and Postage - New South	2,018.62	
Rent	420.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	790.09	
Postage	124.83	
Consultants Fees	70.00	
Special Projects - Printing	1,004.22	
Special Services	35.50	
Accounting Services	50.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	254.17	
Books and Subscriptions	113.54	
Georgia Sales Tax	5.98	
Office Supplies	316.92	
Social Security Taxes	315.87	
Fact-Finding Program	3,418.10	
Miscellaneous	7.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 28,627.48
Balance June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

EXHIBIT B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
State Organizations
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

New World Foundation	$ 17,000.00	
U. S. Treasury Certificates	39,759.60	
Interest Income	773.10	$ 57,532.70
Balance April 1, 1956		66,167.64
Total to be Accounted For		$ 123,700.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	29,719.78	
Consultants Fees	1,474.80	
Travel	42.95	
Local Expenses	1,600.00	
Consultants Training Program	1,010.05	
Irene Osborne	637.21	
John Hope II	2,655.45	
Social Security Taxes	587.41	
Liability Insurance	108.24	
Transfer to Central Office	27,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$ 64,835.89
Balance, June 30, 1956		$ 58,864.45

Represented by:

Citizens Trust Company	$ 29,059.45
U. S. Treasury Bills	29,805.00
	$ 58,864.45

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fellowship of the Concerned
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1956	$ 413.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel Expense	113.70
Balance, June 30, 1956	$ 299.41

EXHIBIT D

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Central Office

Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
June 30, 1956

Balance per Bank		$ 21,891.56
Less Checks Outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
60	$ 15.65	
62	7.79	
64	22.36	
73	1.10	
75	235.43	
76	2.00	
77	213.10	
78	397.33	
79	270.45	
80	245.24	
81	185.67	
82	175.26	
83	204.10	
84	138.43	
85	103.19	
86	138.43	
87	104.80	
88	94.95	
89	118.08	
90	204.10	
91	219.10	
92	39.22	
93	30.00	
95	2.00	3,167.78
Balance per books June 30, 1956		$ 18,723.78

SCHEDULE I

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Special Projects

Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company
June 30, 1956

Balance per bank statement $ 35,088.30

Less Checks Outstanding:

Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
2842	$ 58.71	3063	$ 98.19	
2895	118.01	3064	88.19	
2984	100.00	3065	182.26	
3005	88.19	3066	187.26	
3029	6.92	3068	177.26	
3030	455.00	3069	182.26	
3038	21.78	3070	83.19	
3041	32.75	3071	187.26	
3042	11.70	3072	172.26	
3043	24.57	3073	102.09	
3044	20.00	3074	182.26	
3045	182.26	3075	83.19	
3046	84.80	3076	92.80	
3047	182.26	3078	250.00	5,388.37
3048	197.26			
3049	82.79			
3050	192.26			
3051	177.26			
3052	88.19			
3053	182.26			
3054	100.17			
3055	109.80			
3056	187.26			
3058	88.19			
3059	182.26			
3060	84.80			
3061	172.26			
3062	88.19			

Balance per books June 30, 1956 $ 29,699.93

SCHEDULE 2

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Schedule of Contributions
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956

INDIVIDUALS	$ 1,265.00	$ 1,265.00
ORGANIZATIONS:		
United Automobile Workers, International Union	1,000.00	
Consolidated Charities of LeMoyne College	10.00	1,010.00
CHURCHES:		
Division of National Missions of the Board of the Methodist Church	250.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	270.00
FOUNDATIONS:		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	100.00	100.00
	TOTAL	$ 2,645.00

SCHEDULE 3

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 12, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

Dear Board Member:

The 1956 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council is set for Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, 1956.

Accommodations will be available for members at Dorothy Hall, either for the night of November 13th or November 14th or both. Meals will also be available at Dorothy Hall.

The nearest railroad station to Tuskegee is Cheehaw on the Atlanta West Point Railroad. The nearest airport is Montgomery, Alabama. If you will let SRC in Atlanta know ahead of time, we can arrange transportation from the Montgomery airport to Tuskegee Institute.

As usual, SRC will pay the expenses of members to attend this meeting.

Please come to the one meeting in the year.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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P. S. The minutes of last year's meeting, as approved by a Committee, are enclosed herewith.

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU[redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

July 16, 1956

FILE COPY

Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

In preparation for the meeting at St. Helena's July 20-21, we send you certain customary information. Also a first tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic asking for help after the present grant is through.

All items by way of enabling speedier discussion at St. Helena's.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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FIRST TRIAL DRAFT OF A LETTER TO F FOR R
BEGGING MONEY FOR POST-1957

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Perforce we begin to think about our fundless days which begin October 1, 1957.

I am quite aware of the firm language which you used, and which the fund's letter of grant of April 2, 1954 used, to the effect that the Fund for the Republic had no notion of helping the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the three and a half years during which the Fund's grants were prospectively to run.

Yet the job isn't done, and we aren't strong enough to stand alone.

It needs be clear that I Mitchell am not one to argue for a perpetual Southern Regional Council. I have thought all along that each Southern state should have a strong statewide agency in human relations, hooked to some National congeries of such agencies; and that we should all get over thinking of the South as forever queer, requiring special, different treatment. I voice this view repeatedly in SRC's Board meetings, and each time am cried down: "That may be very well in some long run, but for the next few years we have to have a Southern Regional Council." With that limited need I agree. I say three more years.

THE STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Six and possibly seven of the state organizations we have helped can be expected to come through as intended, and be self-sustaining, or almost entirely so, after October, 1957. Some of them will cut down their staffs, but this many can live practically alone, and deepen their local roots. Here are these agencies, and the figures that make us feel they are safe:

Draft - 2
David Freeman:

ALL RIGHT	AMOUNT RAISED 10/55 - 6/30/56	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF 7/1/56
Virginia	$3,331.00	547
Kentucky	717.00	233
Florida	1,318.00	331
Texas	1,737.00	201
Arkansas	814.00	148
South Carolina	2,337.00	399
Georgia	3,332.00	628
Alabama	2,283.00	485
CIEARLY WEAK:		
Mississippi	1,005.00	252
Tennessee	937.00	201
WOBBLY:		
North Carolina	1,588.00	471
Louisiana	1,823.00	264

We would like to be able to help the weak and the wobblers with up to four or five thousand dollars a year for the next three years. That would average out at $25,000 a year for the state organizations. We wouldn't covenant to help each equally each year (as we have done until quite lately with the current grant). We would tailor-make each State's aid to its carefully assessed need. And we would feel free to help even the strong ones with a hundred here and there.

Draft - 3
David Freeman

For the central office there's a choice of three plans:

Type One. A paymaster and an inspector and a clerk, and a little for travel and rent money and supplies and postage. Cost $24,000 a year.

Type Two. Minimum coordination. A head-man, a Secretary-Treasurer, a field man, an information man. This would let us get out a magazine somehow, travel to the states, tie them together a little, do little or nothing of our present job of interpreting change to the nation. Cost $50,000 a year.

Type Three: Workable coordination. Better-paid people, more clerks, continue to work with the Church Women, travel more, keep on being port of lading for national inquirers. Cost $70,000 a year.

Budget-Type One

Director	$8,000
Sec'y-Treas	5,000
Clerk	3,000
Travel	4,000
Rent, etc.	3,000
Board	1,000
Total	$24,000

Budget-Type Two

Director	$8,000
Sec'y-Treas	5,000
Clerks	6,000
Field man	7,000
Information	7,000
Research (includes clerical)	7,000
Rent, etc.	4,300
Board	1,500
Travel	5,000
Total	$50,800

Budget-Type Three

Director	$10,000
Sec'y Treas.	5,000
Clerks	9,000
Field man	8,000
Information	8,000
Research (includes clerical)	7,000
Dir. of Wm's Wk. & Program	10,000
Travel	6,000
Rent, etc.	5,100
Board	1,500
Total	$69,600

Draft - 4
David Freeman

SRC's OWN MONEY-RAISING

This whole proposal is grounded on the idea that at least six of the state organizations would raise all or practically all of their own money. That's on the order of $13,000 a year apiece. Total about $75,000 a year.

It also expects six state organizations to raise most of their own money; about $50,000 a year.

Which is a self-raised amount of $125,000 a year for each of three years. All in, $375,000. From the states alone.

Now turn to the central office. It can raise around $35,000 a year, by staff efforts. If the Fund for the Republic would put in $20,000 a year for each of three years that's $55,000. It would be possible to stop at that, and finance a Type Two office. I recommend that SRC's Board be charged with raising enough more, by its own efforts, (at least $15,000), to stretch up to the Type Three budget.

REVIEW OF REQUEST AND FORECAST:

Three years more of aid.

States to raise $125,000 a year. Fund for the Republic to put in for the states, $25,000 a year.

Central office to raise $50,000 a year. Fund for the Republic would put in $20,000 a year.

For three years, totals

SRC to raise $525,000

Fund for the Republic to put in $135,000

Draft - 5
David Freeman:

We are exceedingly grateful for the rich, and we think rewarding contribution, which the Fund for the Republic has made to the support of equal protection of the laws in the South. We acknowledge that we all hoped that three and a half years of help would be enough. We find that it won't be enough, and we ask for this modest terminal grant.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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7/16/56

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FILE COPY

DRAFT - FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 21-22, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

In view of the evident need in the South for extended effort in the field of human relations, the Southern Regional Council must now begin to plan for the period beyond October 1, 1957. That is the date of expiration of the current grant from the Fund for the Republic. Clearly our task will not be complete then, and we shall not be able to function effectively upon resources obtainable in the South. This proposal is submitted in the hope that the Fund will consider favorably the possibility of further assistance to our work for a further period.

September 30, 1957, will mark the end of three and one-half years of major support of the Council's program by the Fund for the Republic. The original hope of both the Council and the Fund was that the progress of the South and the growth of local support for our activities would render further grants from the Fund unnecessary. The reasons why these expectations were not realized are best seen in the perspective of the past few years.

BACKGROUND

It was in 1951 that the Council requested of the Ford Foundation a grant of $1,400,000 over a five year period to make possible the development of strong, professionally staffed state organizations. This seemed to us, as it does now, an effective long-range approach to interracial adjustment in the South. The subsequent creation of the Fund for the Republic resulted in a grant on April 2, 1954, enabling the Council to

undertake the state organizations' program. The grant for the first year was $240,000, for the second year $150,000, and for the third year $110,000 -- or a total of $500,000 for the state efforts, plus several generous grants for lesser projects totaling approximately $60,000. At the beginning of the grant period, the Supreme Court's school decision had not yet been rendered, and its nature and terms were matters for speculation. The ruling was issued only a few weeks later, however, and overturned the long-standing legal structure of segregation. Thus between 1951 and 1954 the Council's principal task was redefined as building strong, self-supporting state groups in three and one-half years rather than five years, with a total grant of $500,000 rather than $1,400,000, and in a legal and social framework that was presently to be drastically altered.

We are sure that in April, 1954, neither we, nor the Fund, nor the nation accurately gauged the extent or nature of the forces which we would encounter in persuading the South to accept the then impending decision of the Supreme Court. As Southerners, we are humiliated to indicate, however briefly, the main elements which make up this opposition.

"RESISTANCE FORCES"

The political organization of the lower South is such that the state governments are responsive only to intransigent pro-segregation opinion. Hence the power of state legislation, administrative action, public funds, and the prestige of state officials are all directed toward the maintenance of segregation. This official action is supplemented by the widespread development of such private organizations as the White Citizens Councils, which have become powerful instruments of political, social, and economic

pressure. There are now more than 50 such "resistance" organizations in the South, and the White Citizens Council movement alone claims 500,000 members.

Perhaps the most unfortunate result of these powerful efforts to mobilize prejudice and fear is the intimidation of much of the South's positive leadership. The cost of dissent from the segregation orthodoxy is so great that positive voices and efforts have been all but stifled. We do not make this dismal summary in any defeatist spirit; the forces moving toward integration are less spectacular and more long-range in nature, but in the end we believe they will prove more powerful. Meanwhile, however, we feel that the Southern Regional Council, as the only southwide, interracial body that has as its primary purpose the mobilization of constructive leadership across racial lines, bears a unique responsibility.

The existence of this truly formidable hostility to everything for which the Southern Regional Council stands -- particularly public school desegregation -- postpones the date when the Council may relax its efforts. More, it has tightened Southern purse strings. The awesome pressure of official and public opinion makes many Southerners indisposed and frequently afraid to contribute to any liberal cause. Hence, we must look beyond the region for a substantial part of our support. Since we think we have performed worthily under the confidence which you put in us, we turn again to you.

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Some reassurance comes from the two and one-half years of experience we have had in working with staffed state organizations. And

generally speaking we continue to think that that is the best device. But we are convinced that the method has as its major shortcoming weaknesses in just those states where strength is most needed. We have come to distinguish between the "hard-core" states and the others in the South. By almost any reckoning, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana are the "hard-core" states. In three of those five states the SRC assisted organizations have shown a reticence of purpose amounting almost to timidity. Indeed, in Mississippi we think we have failed to establish a representative and forward-looking Board capable of supporting an active program. For quite different reasons -- mainly connected with the difficult geography of the state -- we have not yet got going in Tennessee an organization capable of independent action.

To match these areas of special difficulty, however, there is a success story in most of the remaining state organizations. Arkansas, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida have shown gratifying development. In each of those states the organization has made a real dent on public opinion. The Alabama Council on Human Relations should be added to the honor roll of ones that have succeeded, when the severe obstacles in social climate and the limited resources available are taken into account; by nearly all measures it has performed well.

To sum up, six state organizations have done notably well; three or four have done well enough to make it likely that they can continue to be quite useful in their states; and one, two, or three have not yet found a pace and a way to work.

We began in your first period of aid to us with an even-handed offer to each of the twelve states. In the last few months, we have found

it clearly wiser to tailor-make our aid to some. For the coming twelve months, which will be the last period of your present grant, we will go further in altering the amounts of aid state by state. It averages out pretty well for the twelve states, but some will get a little more and some a little less.

And we think this tailor-making method is the one to follow for the future.

Now what does one do in places where the state organization is weak and the problem is extra hard? By stimulus from the central office you get persons with professional skills, who are already established in those states (academics or ministers or others), to proceed to pull together the material available in the locality for conferences and understanding between the races. This is an extension of the machinery we have worked out for employing local consultants on a per diem basis. Clearly the complex problems of the South cannot be met with rigid assumptions about method; a realistic and flexible approach is essential.

Out of the travail of the South this central office continues to be called upon for expanding rather than diminishing services. The staff in Atlanta are not empire builders (indeed they have a good deal of disposition in the other direction) but the Council has been hard put to find the funds to enable it to keep alive a sufficient body of informed and sympathetic staff members aided by a ready and trustworthy flow of fact. For the next few years, at any rate, a strong central organization seems essential to the success of this movement.

Experience has taught us that the state organizations pretty early come up against a wall of what they can raise locally without grave

sacrifice to program. Three or four thousand dollars a year strains the best of them. We cannot expect to get a useful program, state by state, at an average figure of less than $7,500 a year of subsidy per state organization. Take the $4,000 they may, perhaps, be able to raise, and you still have only $11,500; which is precious little on which to pay a full-time executive, a clerk, quite a number of consultants, a lot of travel, the rent, the telephone, and the rest.

CENTRAL OFFICE

The central office can raise $40,000 to $50,000 in a good year. And Southern money for our cause is harder, not easier, to get. It is taking about $100,000 a year now to run what is called for in the central office. We do not see how a responsible service can be provided on less than direct aid of $40,000 a year in addition to what we can raise from other sources.

DURATION OF AID

As to how long a new program should run, we now think that at the end of three more years of aid the back of the problem would be broken. Enough Southern communities would have opened their schools to prove to most of the rest that the change is manageable and ought to be welcomed. At the end of that time we think that quite a number of our state organizations might well have been transformed into agencies assisted from state funds or local gifts, working the more efficiently because of the accumulated non-official experience and because of the availability of trained personnel. Even in the more difficult states the habit of ready interchange between Negro and white citizens would have been launched, at least in some areas.

The whole cost of such a program amounts to $130,000 per year or a total cost of $390,000 for three years. The Southern Regional Council requests the Fund for the Republic to consider a grant to it beginning October 1, 1957, in those terms.

It should be recalled that our original request contemplated a five year program costing $1,400,000. This present proposal coupled with your generous grant for 1954-7 gives a total of well under $900,000, and includes help for six years instead of five.

I, myself, and the members of the staff will be, as heretofore, most anxious to supply you with whatever detailed information and appraisal the Fund for the Republic may wish.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Wright
President

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October 9, 1956

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GSA:

The memo going out to Board members is well-timed, and I am glad you sent it.

For future reference, the phrase, "As usual the Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting," may not pin it down for this or that timid soul who feels he will be stuck with a hotel bill at Williamsburg. I know that is silly, but then some people are silly. So, when you can, spell it out.

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Mr. Geo. Mitchell

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the SRC Board

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

We want to remind you of the annual meeting which will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, on November 14-15, 1956. The first session will begin on Wednesday, November 14 at 2:00 P.M. and the last session will be held on Thursday morning, November 15, beginning at 9:00 A. M.

The meetings have been scheduled to be held in the Brick House Basement meeting room. Meals will be available in the Lodge Main Dining Room. Rooms will be available at the Brick House Tavern, Market Square Tavern, and maybe some cottages. The Council will make lodging reservations for you on the basis of your reply.

Williamsburg is accessible by air, railroad, and bus transportation. As usual the Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting.

Please let us know by October 15 whether or not you plan to attend by filling out the enclosed postal card and returning it to us.

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October 22, 1956

Dear Board Member:

This goes out with an important memorandum on future planning for the Council -- subject matter of the Williamsburg meeting coming up. The Executive Committee sought and worked over a staff memo on this, and commends the proposals. Mr. Clement, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, wishes Board members to decide at their meeting.

Announcement from me, NOT YET PUBLIC. I have long planned when I reach 55 to pull out of whatever I may be doing, and so told Marion Wright and Rufus Clement about a year ago. I am now "going on" 55, and have an itch to pick up the study of Economics which I left when the New Deal came along. Not enough funds to live above starvation level anywhere on this side, but I can do quite well in the Highlands of Scotland on what there will be until I am pensionable. So I told the Executive Committee last July that on January 15, 1957, I shall be resigning. The Executive Committee will have a proper successor to recommend to you, and I am satisfied the Council will be stronger than before.

You have been loyalty and helpfulness itself to me, all these years. I invite you all to stop at my heathery spot when you are on the yon' side.

And my heart will be hereabouts.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM

October 22, 1956

From: Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, Executive Committee

To: Members of the Southern Regional Council

Subject: Proposals re Future of SRC

The Executive Committee, at its meeting of September 20-21, considered at length the orientation and emphasis of the Southern Regional Council's program in the period ahead. Staff members had submitted, in the form of a memorandum, proposals which were worked over by the Committee in great detail. At the conclusion of these deliberations, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to "approve in principle the suggestions made in the staff memorandum of September 12, 1956, to the effect that the Southern Regional Council move toward, and arrive at, by September 1957, a program which places major emphasis upon a centralized regional operation rather than, as heretofore, a state program."

The present memorandum, drafted by the staff at the direction of the Executive Committee, sets out the proposals and the considerations which led us to submit them to the full Council for decision. I hope that you will

find the opportunity to acquaint yourself thoroughly with this material so that our discussion at Williamsburg may reflect the most thoughtful judgments of everyone present.

End of Present Grant Program

The current three-year period of aid from the Fund for the Republic, which expires on September 30, 1957, has been largely devoted to decentralizing the SRC movement in terms of both use of funds and program emphasis. The original expectation was that once the legal principle of integration was established, the problems of adjustment would break down according to widely varying local circumstances. Thus the energies and resources of SRC have been largely directed to subsidizing and servicing state affiliates. Within the three-year grant period, SRC has sought to create strong, professionally staffed, self-supporting, integrated agencies in the 12 Southern states.

By October 1, 1957, this objective will have been achieved in considerable part. In a few states, the present affiliates have failed to get off the ground, and one or two others might not survive the withdrawal of major subsidy by SRC. But, in most cases, the state groups should be expected to have reasonably effective programs and enough fund-raising competence to continue -- though the first few years would be difficult for many of them.

In view of the special difficulties arising from the development of powerful, officially sanctioned resistance in the South, we believe the three-year state organization effort will represent a creditable achievement. But we also believe that the efforts of the state organizations alone cannot meet the critical challenge of this period in the South. A renewal of program through regional staff is also essential.

SRC in a Time of Crisis

Since May 1954 and particularly within the past year, a national crisis has been precipitated by political and private reaction to the Supreme Court's school decision. We will not attempt a lengthy analysis of these developments, which are well known to people in SRC, but we list a few of the highlights.

What began as attitudes of defiance in four deep South states has become a "united front" by eight states. This defiance is manifested not only in official actions and utterances directed at the Supreme Court and its decision, but has also taken the turn of oppressive measures against Negroes or whites within the states who favor a positive or even a more moderate course of action.

Accompanying this official posture have been the phenomenal growth of the White Citizens Councils and other resistance movements, set-backs in the churches and the labor movement, the deterioration of political campaigns, and in general conformity or silence by the more responsible elements in the South. The example set by state office-holders and others in high places has stirred excitable rank and file Southerners to violence in several instances - even in areas in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and West Virginia where integration should have been expected to proceed without a ripple.

All of this has presented grave problems in national and international terms. The impact of this Southern revolt on the prestige of the United States abroad, particularly among Asians and Africans, is of great concern to every thoughtful American. Domestically, the assaults on the authority of the Supreme Court, respect for law and order, and recognition of the rights of minority group citizens are major threats to the national welfare.

It has been observed by the New York Times and others that what is needed is a mobilization of all the constructive forces the country can muster to deal with the problem of segregation wisely and effectively. Unfortunately, such a mobilization has not taken place - largely because of confused national opinion about the workability of desegregation, about the extent and depth of resistance in the South, and about the potentialities of Negro citizens.

The Citizens Councils and several Southern state governments are making an extensive and expensive effort to sway national opinion. The effectiveness of these efforts to sell the racial "status quo" are evident in various ways: The U. S. News and World Report has given major support to pro-segregation views, most notably through popularization of one psychologist's thesis that Negroes are inherently less intelligent than whites. Such nationally syndicated columnists as Dorothy Thompson and Walter Lippman have argued that the trend toward integration should be slowed or halted. The platforms of both major political parties failed to endorse the Supreme Court's school decisions.

In short the climate of opinion has worsened not only in the South, but in the rest of the nation as well. And instead of merely local problems arising out of local opposition to integration, we are confronted by a renewal of pro-segregation activity that is regional in its leadership and national in its impact. A measure of this fact was the nearly unanimous adoption of the "Southern Manifesto" by Southern members of Congress. It is true, of course, that some of the Congressmen signed under duress. But the fact that such duress was possible indicates the power of the monolithic approach.

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the SRC. As the one South-wide body with experience, professional skills, and reputation in

the field of race relations, we must perform on a broader and more effective scale than ever before. And we must recognize that we are dealing with causes and effects which are truly nation-wide in their impact.

Our task, as we see it, includes but goes far beyond the stimulation of local action to deal with matters of desegregation and democratic racial relations at the community level. We must play a greater role in establishing a broad national and Southern climate of opinion in which positive local efforts can succeed. We must assume more of the leadership in educating and rallying those national forces whose action or inaction at this time is crucial.

Indeed, it is doubtful that the Southern Regional Council can secure further major financing unless it develops program aimed at meeting these broader needs.

Relationship with State Organizations

SRC, with the generous aid of the Fund for the Republic, has made an extensive and valuable contribution to the growth of skill and organization in the several Southern states. Our state affiliates, against sizable odds, have shown gratifying development. Given a workable climate of opinion and influence, they can contribute greatly in the years ahead to the orderly implementation of integration within their respective states.

However, their effectiveness - indeed, their survival - is imperiled by national and regional developments on which they can have little influence. If we are to protect our investment in them, we must necessarily apply the resources and skills of SRC to this broader arena of opinion and practical forces. To do this will require basic reassessment of our financing, organizational structure, and program emphasis.

Proposed Future Relationship

In the light of prevailing circumstances, it is our judgment that SRC should now plan for a period after October 1, 1957, of approximately three years of increased effort as a regional organization carrying on program activities through its own staff.

During the last two and one-half years, we have devoted most of our resources to building and assisting the state affiliates. We have, necessarily, had to forego the development and execution of many program activities by the regional staff. Under the proposed plan, SRC would maintain a cooperative and helpful relationship with the state organizations but it would undertake itself a number of functions that are now performed either sketchily or not at all

Such a reorientation would be best accomplished if the current grant period ending September 30, 1957, were completed according to the terms originally set in 1954. This means that the state organizations would exchange their affiliate status for one of autonomy, and that their relationship with us would thenceforth be one of cooperation between independent organizations of similar purpose and goals.

Future Financial Aid to State Groups

We recognize that a measure of continuing financial aid from SRC to all or some of the state organizations would be warranted. Therefore, we should undertake to secure funds for this purpose, though the amount procurable would undoubtedly be on a smaller scale than heretofore. Instead of the method of outright subsidy which we have used during the affiliate period, the method of assistance would more closely resemble that of grants-in-aid. A state organization would submit its request to SRC, justifying such an allotment on the basis of a proposed program and evidence of organizational effectiveness

sufficient to carry out the program proposed. SRC would judge each such request on its merits and take favorable or unfavorable action accordingly. The customary safeguards against the use of such funds for political or other improper purposes would, of course, be taken. Once such a grant-in-aid had been made, the responsibility for fulfillment of its commitment would rest squarely on the policy body of the state group.

Such a revision in the relationship between SRC and the state groups would require certain by-law changes, including alteration of the present arrangement for election of some SRC board members by the state organizations.

Structure of SRC

A reorientation of SRC along the lines described above would necessitate some redefinition of the present staff structure. Present positions and staff duties are largely geared to the needs of the current state organization effort. In taking on more direct program functions, it would be necessary to supplement the existing staff and to redefine the responsibilities and duties of some of the present staff members. We are not attempting here to propose a detailed reorganization of this kind. That could best be done perhaps by a special sub-committee of Executive Committee members working closely with the staff.

Functions of SRC

The following types of activity represent new or heightened program emphases which the Council might undertake:

1) Consultant services to established public and private agencies

The consultant service project under the direction of John Hope II has so far been used as a service exclusively to the state affiliates. It has proved to be an extremely effective technique. Already we contemplate making

these services available to interested private groups and public bodies concerned with desegregation, the expectation being that such groups would bear the cost of the consultant services to them. In the next phase of the Council's work, broader use of the consultant services deserves high priority. The range of consultants available should be increased to include educators, police officials, public administrators, and others with first-hand experience in integrating communities. SRC's role would be that of "broker" between community leadership and those experts whose counsel would be most helpful. These services should be provided free, if necessary, in those situations which are likely to produce the most effective results.

2) Coordination of Agency Leadership

SRC now has more opportunities than it can grasp to advise and coordinate the leaders of national, Southern, and local groups concerned with race relations. In the coming period, SRC should take the initiative in bringing together such leadership for joint thinking and planning, and in stimulating needed activities. This will take staff time, travel, and resources that have not been available in the past. The arguments for extending this function are very strong. SRC has information and insights that are not available to other agencies and groups, and it commands the respect of a host of such organizations of many different types. The effective mobilization of the religious, labor, civic, and other agencies should be a major part of the desegregation effort.

3) Speakers

Several of the staff members and officers of SRC are now heavily in demand for speaking engagements. In this case too the demand is greater than the supply, and the potential demand is greater yet. Many of these occasions

are invaluable opportunities to express our general point of view to important segments of the public. In the coming period, we should recognize assistance to groups in securing speakers as an important organizational function. In order to make the best possible use of speakers without unduly diverting from other activities we should systematically draw on our lay leadership. The selection and briefing of persons available for speaking engagements would be a staff function.

4) Free Distribution of Materials

SRC has in the past produced little in the way of free literature. Our budget alone has made it essential for us to sell our materials to interested people and groups, however worthy the use to which they are to be put. We should seek the resources to enable us to distribute without cost literature that will serve a specific, effective purpose and for which no purchasers are available. We do not conceive of broadside or indiscriminate distribution of free literature as a worthwhile method. More strategic uses, however, are often possible but must be forgone because there is no ready way for the cost to be borne from non-SRC sources. It should be noted here that the White Citizens Councils and other resistance groups are making wide-spread distribution of free material, with telling results.

5) Interpretation and Application of Social Science Findings

There is a considerable body of social science findings with positive implications for action in the South today. This knowledge is having little practical effect, mainly because of the communications gulf between academic social scientists and the lay public. SRC is peculiarly well fitted to bridge this gap. Working in collaboration with the social scientists and their professional organizations, we could play a key role in getting their insights interpreted through popular media and brought to bear in local situations.

Our consultant service program is a valuable beginning in this direction, but the precedent needs to be greatly extended and raised to the national level. To carry out this role we must be prepared to expend a substantial amount of staff time and effort, as well as some money.

6) Expanding present functions

Many of the activities now carried on by the central office should be intensified or, if temporary, continued on a regular basis. An outstanding example of this is the work with church women directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly; the need for more funds and wider impact of this program is already recognized.

Another example of a different sort is the fact-finding program now being carried on under a special nine-months grant from the Fund for the Republic. The results of this program are now coming in and will be aired through SRC publications and general publicity. These findings should serve to shed new light on the nature of the South's problems and promising approaches to their solution. This special fact-gathering and interpretation should be a continuing part of SRC's program.

Additional examples in this category would be intensified work with the press, television, and other mass media; conferences of Southern leadership; and work with the college students and other young people in the region.

7) Finances

It will take much more detailed planning before there can be meaningful estimates of the budget that would be required to carry out a program of the sort here outlined for a three-year period. A rough estimate would be no less than $200,000. annually. In the last fiscal year, SRC raised approximately $60,000. from sources other than the Fund for the Republic. During the coming fiscal year, October 1956 - October 1957, we must exceed our past performance by a goodly margin. If we are successful in raising the larger amount from

other sources required for our operation in 1956-57 we believe that the Fund for the Republic will be more receptive to our request for future aid. By the same token, they will probably expect similar performance from us in subsequent years.

These facts, coupled with the resignation of the present Executive Director, make urgent the assumption of greater responsibility for fund-raising by officers and members of the Council.

It is also to be hoped that in financing the Council for a future period it will be possible to secure funds on a flexible basis, and that rigid allocations of funds for pre-determined purposes can be avoided. The situation in the South today is an extremely fluid one, subject to rapid and unpredictable changes. Our program and financing should be readily adaptable to these changes in need that cannot be anticipated far in advance.

Nothing said here is intended to conflict with the Council's wholehearted follow-through of the third and last year of the state organization program, which began October 1, 1956. If this general proposal should be approved, however, it might well be possible in the weeks and months just ahead to begin developing some of the additional functions contemplated and seeking additional financing for them.

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November 6, 1956

FILE COPY

Dear Board Members:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council is the creature of the Board, and acts only on the Board's behalf, and between Board meetings. Wherefore it is unavoidably incumbent upon the Executive Committee to report to the Board each year.

This year the Executive Committee has by mail approved its report to you. Here it is. If you will be so good as to read it ahead of time, it may be that the Board meeting can save several precious minutes by dispensing with the formal reading of this report.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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November 1, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Member of the Executive Committee:

It is incumbent upon your Committee annually at the meeting of the Board of Directors of SRC to report on your activities during the previous year.

You used to meet momentarily before the Board meeting and rattle through the language of a report.

If you will take a day or two to review this and send it back with your comments, approval, or corrections, there is still time for it to be got out circular-wise to the members of the Board of Directors well before the meeting November 14-15.

Here is a postcard for your convenience in signifying your wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

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Executive Director

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
FOR THE YEAR 1955-56

The last previous meeting of the Board of Directors was on November 14th, 1955, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Since that time your Executive Committee has met four times: in January, April, July, and September, 1956.

On each occasion the Committee has carefully reviewed the work of the staff and of the Council.

As to Internal Operations. You have been supplied periodically with reports as to the conformity of central office expenditures with the budget as approved, and we have been pleased to note the almost mathematical adherence to the budget. In April a few salary increases were awarded to senior members of the staff, and in September a general program of within-grade promotions for merit and seniority was approved for the whole of the central office staff. We accepted on your behalf, as perforce we had to, the resignation of Leonard Haas as Counsel after twenty-five years of service, and chose as his successor -- subject to your confirmation -- Mr. Joseph Haas. We assumed that we had power to fill our own vacancies and to two vacancies arising within the Executive Committee selected as replacements two persons, associated respectively with the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation and the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Mr. B. R. Brazeal and Reverend Duncan Hunter.

When in July we were notified of the intent of the Executive Director to resign in January, 1957, we set up a special sub-committee to assist our recommendation to you of a suitable successor, and we will report to your meeting November 14-15.

We at long last made some effort to get a Finance Committee of the Board soundly at work. Each of the state organizations chose a person as a member of such a Finance Committee. The Committee met in two area groups and undertook to raise substantial sums. The amount to be raised in each state would be divided 50-50 between the Southern Regional Council itself and the SRC affiliated organization in that state. These plans have not borne more than a most modest fruit, but the burden for a cooperative relationship between local and central office people on fund-raising has at least been established.

As to Council policy: We have been constantly watchful and free in discussion. By and large we have found cause to approve the programs underway. We have been pleased with the effort made by the various state organizations to raise the sums required of them, and to increase their memberships. We note that the circulation of New South through state member subscribers now approach 5,000.

We approved a recommendation of the staff that some latitude be given it to tailor-make SRC aid to state organizations. We are aware that SRC's first offer in 1954 to the state organizations contemplated an even-handed assistance to all of the states. We have been convinced that it is well to provide modest, but only modest, flexibility in this matter, and in consequence we have permitted the central office staff to alter the annual grant to any single state by not to exceed 25 per cent, though we have broadened this a little in subsequent rulings.

Upon the recommendation of staff persons we placed one of the state organizations in provisional status and prepared to cease to assist it as of December 31, 1956. For shortcomings in Board-staff relationships -- or for paucity of program -- or for other criticisms judged upon stated criteria of evaluation, we reserve the power in your name in the future to do likewise with any other organizations.

A good deal of time was occupied early in this calendar year by reason of libelous accusations against various members of the Board, staff, or Executive Committee, arising in the Hearst Journal-American, or a Fulton Lewis, Jr. radio broadcast, and in other publications, sharing a dubious esteem. We concluded that it was the better part of valour not to compound these uninformed and malicious accusations.

We formulated and attempted to put into execution a plan of obtaining some evidence of White House interest in the ideas and program of the Council. The matter is quiescent for the moment, but we would welcome an opportunity for it to be revived.

We spent a lot of time in working out proposals for the future of the Southern Regional Council after the present three and one-half year grant from the Fund for the Republic shall have expired in September, 1957. The results of this planning were mailed out to you ten days or so ago, with the request that you be prepared to take decisions at the Board meeting November 14-15.

We propose for your consideration, certain minor amendments to the by-laws.

I approve Report of Executive Committee __

I am writing my proposed changes __

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Signature

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Date

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

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December 18, 1956

GSM:

In compliance with your request in your memo dated Dec. 17, 1956, we have sent copies of the Evaluation Criteria Memo to members of SRC's Executive Committee. Attached hereto is a copy of that which was sent.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of SRC's Executive Committee

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

At the request of Dr. George S. Mitchell, I am sending you for your information a copy of the Evaluation Criteria memorandum.

We believe that it rather fully covers the areas of concern which the central staff members have held. Any suggestions you might have to be included in discussions with state organizations on program development will be welcomed.

It is our hope that if these program questions are carefully thought through and put into action, the state organizations will have made a "giant step" toward their future of autonomy.

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MEMORANDUM NO. 14

To: All State Organization Chairmen
and Professional Staff

From: C. H. Parrish and F. B. Routh
Assistant Directors for State Organizations

Subj.: Evaluation Criteria for State Organizations

The Central Staff has been concerned about the development of criteria for the evaluation of state organizations and their programs. It has not been our intention to sit in Atlanta and pass judgment on our friends; however, in fairness to those who have faith in us and those who have supported us with funds, we must measure the effectiveness of what we and our affiliates are doing.

There are two BIG questions with respect to an affiliated state organization: (1) Is it an Integrated operation?, (2) Has an effective program, compatible with the general purposes of SRC, been developed and put in operation? These need spelling out.

INTEGRATED OPERATION

A. The Board.

1. Is the Board representative of the major segments of the state population?

2. Have officers and members overcome thinking in "we" and "they" terms about race?

3. Do Negro members fully participate in major policy decisions?

4. In disagreements does the Board divide on the basis of position or is the group frequently divided along racial lines?

B. The Staff.

1. Is the staff interracial?

2. Do both (or all) staff members receive equal recognition from the Board?

3. Has the staff overcome thinking in "we" and "they" terms about race?

4. Do both (or all) staff members participate in staff decisions?

5. Does the staff work as a team?

PROGRAM COMPATIBILITY WITH SRC

1. Is the conscious aim of the program to further the development of an integrated society?

2. Is school desegregation--or creating those conditions which will make it possible--a major program emphasis?

3. Is the program strictly non-political?

4. Does the Board (not the staff) do the majority of fund raising?

PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

1. Is the program "off the ground" and does it show continuity?

   A. What evidence can be presented to substantiate this?

2. Is the program reaching key people in the state?

   A. List key people contacted.

3. Is the program reaching the grass roots in the state?

4. Is it geared in with the programs of like-minded agencies and groups?
   A. Which agencies have you cooperated with, on what?

5. Is the organization regarded as "reliable" by like-minded agencies?

6. Does the organization work with church groups?
   A. What specific church groups have you worked with? On what?

7. Does the organization work with labor groups?
   A. What specific labor groups have you worked with? On what?

8. Is systematic information gathering a part of the program?
   A. Clippings, reports, files? Reports to Board and SRC central office?

9. Have good relations been established with receptive elements of the press?
   A. List editors, reporters, etc. with whom you have worked.

10. Is the point-of-view of the organization generally known?

11. Is the Board kept informed of staff activities?
    A. Are staff reports sent regularly? Is there a newsletter?

12. Do Board members work through other organizations to which they belong?

13. Has use been made of SRC's Consultant Service Program?
    A. What have been some of the results?

14. Is development of integrated relationships in communities a program item?

15. Is most staff effort and time devoted to program?

16. Are new members attracted to the organization at a sufficient rate by the quality of program and public relations?

ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS

A. Board Staff Relationships.

   1. Is there good rapport between Board and staff?

   2. Have Board and staff functions been clearly defined?

B. Organizational Structure.

   1. Does the Board have functional committees?

   2. Do these committees function?

   3. Has regular legal counsel been obtained?

4. Are the files well organized for efficient use?

5. Is the office run in a business-like manner?

C. RELATIONS WITH SRC

1. Are monthly narrative and financial reports filed promptly?

2. Are monthly narrative reports sufficiently detailed?

3. Are monthly financial reports properly filled out?

4. Are subscriptions for NEW SOUTH sent in promptly?

5. Is SRC informed of important developments in the state through clippings and correspondence?

6. Is SRC notified of all elections and changes in officers?

7. Is SRC notified of all changes in By-Laws for approval?

8. Is help solicited from SRC on "ticklish" questions and problems?

9. Is SRC consulted in advance of employment of professional staff?

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FILE COPY

Dear

It will be remembered that at the Board Meeting at Tuskegee the staff was requested to submit to the next meeting of the Executive Committee plans for a possible continuance of the Council after the expiry of the Fund for the Republic grant, in 1957.

This was done and available at the Executive Committee meeting January 20-21. But it was not reached for discussion in that meeting and was put over to the next meeting.

Meanwhile the suggestion has been made that the staff memos (summarized in George Mitchell's memo to the Executive Committee) be supplied in full to members of the Executive Committee. They are here so supplied and will repay study.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

George S Mitchell

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STAFF MEMORANDA

in regard to

THE FUTURE OF SRC

FILE COPY

C.H. PARRISH

The future of SRC would seem to center around Program, Organization, and Financing with priority being given to these items in the order of their listing.

Two questions to be considered in connection with program are:

What is the unique role of SRC as presently constituted?
Is there any need for SRC? Or more precisely - Will there be a need for SRC after the period of the grant from FFR?

Perhaps it would be fitting to say that what is unique about SRC is not what it does but how it does it. Ours is an integrated approach. We have in the past combined in various degrees advocacy, professional service and research. For the most part the emphasis has been on advocacy. We have urged equality of opportunity and we now urge compliance with the law of the land. We will have fulfilled our unique mission, however, if we can'sell' the integrated approach. We are in a better position than anyone else to promote this approach because we have been working at it longer than anyone else. Our future depends upon the extent to which we can incorporate this experience into a body of technical knowledge and thus make available to the South a much needed professional service. Our major function would be that of imparting to others the skills we have acquired. We are not staffed for research but we have a continuing function of disseminating the findings of other research workers. Under appropriate conditions our files should be available to responsible social scientists for research purposes.

Assuming the realization of the ideal of twelve financially secure, autonomous State organizations dedicated to the achievement of SRC goals, it is difficult to see the need for anything more than a skeletal regional organization to serve as a sort of clearing house that would facilitate communication among the affiliated groups. Even if this ideal is not reached, any movement toward it would involve a corresponding reduction of SRC staff and budget.

The prospect is not bright for financial support that would make the State organizations independent of help from outside their borders. It is unrealistic to expect memberships and individual contributions of small sums by many people to be nearly enough to keep State organizations going. Sizeable donations in "hard core" States will almost invariably turn out to be bribes to get us to turn aside from the school segregation controversy. Local financial support for the SRC program would appear to be in inverse relationship to Need. On the other hand, in a few states where the political atmosphere is more congenial to our purposes, effective State councils may be taken over and operated at public expense. This would be an extension into the South of the pattern of official recognition and backing of human relations programs. In any event SRC would have to look to outside foundation support for its continued existence.

If SRC demonstrated its ability to provide the unique professional service which will be in great demand throughout the South during the next few years, there should be no great difficulty in getting the necessary funds. This is the task before us.

G.S. ALEXANDER

Reasons for continued existence

There are a number of reasons that could be advanced for the continued existence of SRC. First of all there seems to be a definite need for the Council in the supervision and coordination of activities of the several State affiliates. As it now stands SRC furnishes the hub of communications between the State Councils. The need for effective communications in any organization cannot be overstressed. There is also a need for some central point where information can be disseminated and chanelled to the different State organizations. There is also a definite need for research which can best be performed by SRC on the regional level.

It is my conviction that the State affiliates would function less efficiently without the present services that are being offered by the staff of SRC. These services mentioned above, I think, can best be performed by a central office rather than on a limited scale by the separate State affiliates.

Financial Support

However, in order for the central office to continue on its present level a very difficult financial problem presents itself. Ways and means for providing financial support for the program of the Council would have to be given serious consideration by the members and staff.

HAROLD FLEMING

I think it would be useful for the Executive Committee to consider the main alternatives confronting the SRC after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic's grant. One formulation might be:

1. Liquidation.

2. Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of direct field servicing of State organizations.

3. Limited continuation, dropping all functions except that of information -- i.e., publications, information center for press, other agencies, and State affiliates.

4. Continuation at present level of operation, retaining all functions.

5. Continuation with expanded functions.

Need

It seems to me unquestionable that the SRC on something like its present scale will be needed for a minimum of three years beyond the anticipated end of Fund help. We will be lucky if by October 1957 most of the State groups are able to continue effectively on their own. It would be over-optimistic to hope that they would be strong enough collectively to maintain a regional office. It would also be over-optimistic, in my opinion, to hope that they would continue effectively without a regional office. Those in the lower South will particularly still need not only the practical help of the regional office, but also the psychological support of feeling themselves a part of a Southwide movement. Left on their own, communication between the States would soon break down and the weaker and more embattled organizations would wither away. The stronger groups -- mostly those in the more advanced States -- might well survive; but the most difficult areas would be left unserviced.

Another point: There is plenty of evidence that the other side is consolidating its strength across State lines. Witness the inter-State spread of the White Citizens' Councils, the efficient communication between the various Southern hate groups, Senator Eastland's proposal for a regional commission to "tell the South's story." These people see well enough the strength that comes of regionwide coordination and they will be pushing hard for it in the next few years. This kind of solidarity among the pro-segregation forces can't be effectively countered on a State-by-State basis. It calls for a regional instrument -- namely, SRC.

Noteworthy, too, that one aim of Eastland's proposal is to propagandize the Jim Crow version of the "South's story" at the national level. Again, only a regional group can offset this kind of propaganda aimed at a national audience.

Realities

It's easy to promote the continuing need for SRC in vacuo. Clearly, however, there are practical obstacles -- notably financial. In addition to the current fund-raising effort, the Executive Committee might begin planning some activities for the last grant year that would spread awareness of the need for a continuing SRC. Examples:

1. One or more conferences of leading people in the State organizations to explore the question of whether and how SRC is to continue.

2. A carefully staged meeting of New York philanthropoids (The New Yorker's word for foundation people.)

3. Consultation with friendly agencies, church groups, labor people, etc., aimed at involving them in the problem.

Nothing new about these ideas, but given the critical stage of Southern transition and an impending demise of SRC, they might produce some results. A lot of these people, who now take SRC for granted as a Fund project, might be startled into some kind of fruitful concern. While we wouldn't want to make such approaches too early, planning should proceed during the next year.

Conclusion

At the moment, it is my conviction that SRC should either be continued on at least its present scale or be frankly liquidated. I don't think we can go back. To limp along on a much-curtailed basis would, I think, be self-defeating in terms of both morale and financial support. Moreover, I believe efforts to continue the SRC should be based on the overt recognition that it will probably have to be largely subsidized for the duration of its life by sizable grants from outside the South. We can realistically hope for indigenously supported State groups within the next three to five years. But I doubt that it is realistic to hope for an indigenously supported regional organization too.

FRED ROUTH

The decade now ending has been a period of accelerated change for the South; SRC has played an important role in assisting the region and its people to adjust to this change. Recently SRC has completed the first phase of a vastly expanded program in the South; the setting up of human relations agencies in the twelve States of the area. These agencies have needed considerable aid and assistance from the central office, not only financially, bur organizationally and program-wise as well. Today and tomorrow these organizations face and will face the necessity of assisting communities in their respective States to meet the challenge of desegregation and integration. They, along with religious, educational, and business institutions and organized labor, have looked and will continue to look to SRC for guidance.

Thus, the first question to be answered by any organization which asks, "What of the future?" has received an affirmative reply. Is there a need for the continued services of the Southern Regional Council? YES! If the past decade can be referred to as the "decade of accelerated change" the coming decade may well be referred to as the "era of jet-propelled transition." And the needs of the State organizations, the region, and the people for constructive guidance will be multiplied not lessened. The South is well on its way back into the main stream of the nation's life. There are strong forces however, out of the past, which work to keep the South isolated.

The Council would be grossly negligent, indeed foolhardy, if it fails to assist the forces of progress in the South in the coming decade. Its program must be expanded, not constricted nor terminated, if we are to work out constructive transition.

At the time that the grant from the Fund for the Republic expires we may expect that desegregation in the schools will be well under way in some of the Southern States but it is almost beyond hope that much change will have taken place in Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina. Georgia or Mississippi. There will be work still to be done by a regional office to assist the State organizations to help bring about compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

The trend of the recent Supreme Court decisions is toward holding un-Constitutional the expenditure of public funds for segregated facilities or services. I.C.C. rulings demand non-segregation in inter-State transportation and in terminal and depot facilities. The President's Committee on Government

Contracts is working to end discrimination and segregation in all plants which have contracts with the federal government. Organized labor is united as never before and this gigantic force is seeking an end to discrimination and segregation in its locals. As big business and industry move into the South new demands for conformity to the national pattern will be felt even now.

The demands for change on the part of the South are multiplying; they are many times what they were only months ago. To assist the South and its people through this period of transition there is a need for an integrated organization which has had experience in assisting social change and has earned the confidence of both white and colored people.

There is in the South today only one organization which meets all of these requirements: The Southern Regional Council. A joint planning committee composed of representatives of the Board, the central staff, the State staffs, and competent social scientists should sit down together to examine the needs of the South in the continuing adjustment and to plan how the Council may help fill those needs. Its future must not rest on the continuation of funds from one source, no matter how generous. A well organized, far-seeing Finance Committee is a must. A professionally competent program planning committee is a must. An adequate professional consultant service is a must. A well-trained professional staff is a must. A dedicated Board of Directors is a must.

If the Council really cares about the South of the future toward which it has worked, then it has work yet to do. Let it never be claimed that the leaders of SRC said, as did Louis XV,

"Pres moi le deluge."

MRS. DOROTHY TILLY

The future of the Southern Regional Council as to finances seems dark -- but the future is bright with challenging opportunities and most definitely with direct responsibilities of SRC to help the South through the difficult days of adjusting itself to the inevitable enforcement of the Supreme Court decisions.

Never has there been more need of SRC then there will be in the next few years. To retrench would amount almost to betrayal of our section and of those organizations and individuals who have, through the years, sought direction from it.

Poor indeed will the South be without SRC with the field left to a Regional setup of the Citizens' Council.

I believe a Finance Committee, really feeling the seriousness of the situation in the South (the defiance of the supreme law of the land, the fear, intimidation, and terror engendered by the Citizens' Councils) and seeing in the situation the opportunities and challenges to the SRC could speak so convincingly they would secure the funds needed.

Needs

1. The State Councils will not be able to stand alone in another year or so without a coordinated and directing Central agency. Therefore, the Central office needs to be strengthened by both staff and space.

2. Yearly conferences of several days for each of the following South-wide groups. Leaders in the field of Social Sciences, Church Women, heads of denominational Boards of Education.

3. We should face the fact that our publications, for the most part, reach only those whose social conscience is already quickened. However , these will continue to need something like New South. There should be found some way to reach the masses so easily persuaded by the propaganda of such organizations as the Citizens' Council. Simple factual material tied up some way with their Bible Belt South, I believe could be just as effective as Talmadge's Statesman, etc. This too calls for more finances, but if it can be done -- it will strenthen the appeal for funds. (Talmadge spent one half million on trying to extend the County unit system to general elections. The other side $13,000 and won.)

George Mitchell says we should plan for three further years, after the expiry of the help from the Fund for the Republic, which occurs in September 1957. His plan contemplates three years of further modest aid to some of the States, and continuance on a reduced basis of the most essential services of a central office.

Argument on the States runs as follows. In 1957 we shall be aiding the States on a level of $8,500 for each State. Each will run to a total budget of over $15,000. After 1957 there will be some of the States which in all likelihood could not carry on in reasonable strength unless they had some extra help. SRC would be free of any commitment to help all the States alike, and could put help on the States that would need it most. How many? Say six. How much? Say an average of $6,000 each. Call it $35,000 of annual subsidy to State organizations, on a minimum basis; and $50,000 of annual subsidy on a reasonable basis.

On the central office, certain services would have to be saved. You should keep up an interchange through an organ like New South. You need a paymaster, by title a Secretary-Treasurer. You would have to have at least one man traveling out to the States a great deal; ideally a combination administration and program man. New South lives by having someone to collect information, that gets called a Director of Research. You would need two and probably three clerks. And you would need some sort of Director. In a budget, for minimum and for reasonable, it looks like this:

Possible Budget for
Southern Regional Council

Typical Year 1957 et seq.

States	Minimum	Reasonable
For subsidy	35,000	50,000
Central Office		
Salaries		
Executive Director	8,000	10,000
Secretary	3,500	3,500
Secretary-Treasurer	4,000	5,000
Director of Information	7,000	7,500
Director of Research	7,500	5,000
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Clerk	3,000	3,200
Field Man	7,000	7,500
	37,000	43,800
Travel	5,000	8,000
Rent	1,200	1,500
Supplies	1,000	1,200
Telephone & telegraph	1,200	1,500
Postage	800	1,000
Printing	10,000	10,000
Social Security	1,200	1,400
Miscellaneous	500	500
	57,700	68,900
Total, Central Office	58,000	69,000
Total, Central Office & State	93,000	119,000

In three years,
Central Office and State

Minimum	279,000	-	280,000
Reasonable	357,000	-	360,000

How do you get together such sums?

By all experience, there is something that the staff can raise by friendships of the past. I would estimate this as follows:

(1958-60)
Per Year

From Churches	10,000
From Labor	10,000
Subscriptions to New South	15,000
Individual Gifts	1,000
Sale of Literature	1,000
Honoraria	1,000
Total	38,000

Annually, on the minimum budget of $93,000, this leaves $55,000 to be raised by a finance committee.

On the reasonable budget, it leaves $81,000 to be raised annually by a finance committee.

If you go on a three year basis:

Minimum budget:

Needed - 3 years
$280,000
Staff to raise
$114,000
Balance, finance committee
$166,000

Reasonable budget:

Needed - 3 years
$357,000
Staff to raise
$114,000
Balance, finance committee
$243,000

All of which is to say that three more years would cost on a mimimum basis, say $165,000 more than is in sight; and on a reasonable basis, $240,000 more than is in sight.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF SRC

For November 9, 1955 Meeting of the Board

The Executive Committee proposes to the Board that the following changes be made in the By-Laws:

As At Present	As Proposed
Article II. Members Section 3. The president, the vice-presidents, the treasurer, the executive director, and assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members [of the corporation]	The president, the vice-presidents, and the treasurer shall also be ex-officio members.
Article V Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel; [the executive director and the assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote.]	The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel.

The Executive Committee proposes to use its power under Article V, Section 2, "to fix its own rules of procedure" in such a way as to have in the course of each meeting of the Executive Committee one part of the session with no staff personnel present; and to that end recommends to the Board the above changes in the By-Laws.

Action taken at the October 28-29, 1955
meeting of the Executive Committee

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BY-LAWS

of the

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME, AREA, AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The terms "Council" or "Corporation" used hereafter in these by-laws shall mean the "Southern Regional Council, Inc."

Section 2. Area. For the purposes of this corporation the Southern Region shall be defined as embracing the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. All members of the corporation shall be residents of this area. This area may be increased or reduced at any annual meeting of the members as hereinafter defined.

Section 3. Purposes. The purposes of the Southern Regional Council are to exist and function as an eleemosynary organization, and more particularly to organize and maintain a Regional Council and to cooperate with affiliated State organizations in the Southern Region for the improvement of economic, civic, and racial conditions, in the endeavor to promote a greater unity in the South in all efforts towards regional and racial development; to attain through research and action programs the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the region; to reduce race tension, the basis of racial tension, racial misunderstanding, and racial distrust; to develop and integrate leadership in the South on new levels of regional development and fellowship; and to cooperate with local, state, regional, and national agencies on all levels in the attainment of the desired objectives. The Council shall not engage in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation nor engage in any form of political activities.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS

Section 1. Members.

A. The members of the corporation shall be as follows:

1. Not more than 50 or less than 40 persons, hereafter called members, elected by the annual meeting at which these by-laws are adopted.

2. Two persons, hereafter called ex-officio members, from each affiliated State organization. These two persons from each affiliated State organization shall be the chairman of such affiliated organization and one additional member elected by the members of such organization.

3. The president, the vice presidents, the treasurer and counsel, shall also be ex-officio members.

B. A member, as distinct from an ex-officio member, shall hold office for four years (except as provided in Section 1-C of this Article) and until his successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified and until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner provided by Section 8 in this Article. No such member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms of four years each (or,

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in accordance with Section 1-C of this Article, one short term and one full four-year term, consecutively). Chairmen of affiliated State organizations shall hold ex-officio membership in the corporation as long as they are chairmen of affiliated State organizations, and ex-officio members elected by their affiliated State organizations shall hold membership in the corporation for not more than two consecutive four-year terms or portions thereof.

C. The members elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted shall be divided by lot in such a way that the terms of one-half shall expire at the time of the annual meeting in 1955, and the remainder at the annual meeting in 1957.

D. Successors to members (as distinct from ex-officio members) shall, upon expiration of terms or death, resignation, or removal, be elected by all members of the corporation, including ex-officio members, at the next meeting, following occurence of such vacancy, provided that in such elections the executive director and the assistant directors shall not be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings and Membership Rights.

A. Notice of the place, day, and hour of every regular and special meeting shall be given to each member and ex-officio member not less than ten (10) days before the meeting, by delivering the same to him personally, or sending the same to him by telegraph or telephone or by leaving the same at his last known post office address, according to the records of the corporation. It shall not be requisite to the validity of any meeting of the Council that notice thereof shall have been received by any member and ex-officio member who is present thereat or, if absent, waives notice thereof in writing filed with the records of the meeting either before or after the holding thereof. No notice of any adjourned meeting of the Council need be given.

B. The rights of any member in the corporation shall not be assignable or transferable, except in the case of proxies, as provided in Section 4 of this Article and his rights shall cease with death, resignation, or termination of membership for any cause.

Section 3. Voting. Each member or ex-officio member shall have one vote and, except in cases in which it is by the charter or by these by-laws otherwise provided, a majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to elect and to pass any measure. Voting by mail may be conducted on such questions and in such manner as may be provided by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Proxies. Any member or ex-officio member entitled to vote at any meeting of members may vote either in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be given to members of this body only, and each one shall designate the name of the member who shall act as proxy. Every proxy shall be in writing, subscribed by the member, or his duly authorized attorney, and dated, but need not be sealed, witnessed, or acknowledged. Proxies shall be delivered to the secretary of the corporation before such meeting or to the inspectors at the meeting.

Section 5. Annual Meetings. The corporation shall hold annually a meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of general business at its principal office in Atlanta at ten o'clock a.m. on the second Wednesday in November in

each year, if not a legal holiday, or at such other place and such other time within sixty days as may be designated by the Executive Committee, provided notice of such meeting, including day, hour, and place, shall be given each member of the Council in writing at least thirty days in advance. Such annual meetings shall be general meetings; that is to say, open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the corporation without special notice of such business, unless otherwise provided in these by-laws.

Section 6. Special Meetings. At any time in the interval between annual meetings, special meetings may be called by the president or any ten (10) members or ex-officio members.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifteen members and/or ex-officio members of the Council shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at every meeting of the members; but if at any meeting there be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, but not for a period of over fifteen (15) days at any one time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting until a quorum shall attend. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified.

Section 8. Removal. At any meeting called with that purpose stated in the call, any member may, by a majority of the votes cast, be removed from office for cause, and another be appointed in the place of the person so removed to serve for the remainder of his term. Permanent change of residence or citizenship to a point beyond the area, as defined in or pursuant to Article I, Section 2, will automatically terminate the membership of one so changing residence or citizenship.

ARTICLE III. FELLOWS

The Council may award honorary fellowships, not exceeding one hundred (100) in number, to Southerners who have demonstrated exceptional talent for constructive leadership. Fellows shall be chosen in such manner as the Council may prescribe, provided they are well distributed as to race, sex, creed, occupation, and place of residence. The duties of fellows shall be to cooperate with the Council as observers, advisers, correspondents, and special representatives. Fellows may receive such honoraria or reimbursement of expenses incurred at the request of the Executive Committee as the Council may direct. The term of a fellowship shall be for two years, unless otherwise provided by the Council, and fellowships may be renewed or withdrawn at the discretion of the Council. Fellows need not be members of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATES

Organized groups or agencies whose aims and methods are closely akin to the aims and methods of the Southern Regional Council may, at the discretion of the Council, become affiliates of the Council, upon such conditions as the corporation may prescribe. The by-laws of such organized groups or agencies shall be approved by the Council or the Executive Committee of the Council in advance of affiliation. Alterations in the by-laws of such affiliated organizations shall become valid only after written approval of the proposed altered language by or on behalf of the

Southern Regional Council. The Council shall prescribe a uniform accounting and auditing system for all affiliated organizations and shall require adherence to such system by all affiliated organizations. Affiliated organizations may disaffiliate. The Council may require disaffiliation for breach of the by-laws of an affiliated organization, or in the event that (after a hearing by the Council) the Council deems the aims and methods of such organization to be no longer closely akin to those of the Southern Regional Council. In the event of disaffiliation, any property of the affiliate purchased with the proceeds of Council aid to such affiliate shall be at the disposition of the Council.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president and vice-presidents, treasurer and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council or the Executive Committee itself during the interim between Council meetings. All vacancies shall be filled from among members of the Council.

Section 2. Meetings of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure, and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Council, and it shall also meet at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee. If necessary, members of the Executive Committee may by written notice appoint a proxy from among the members of the Council to attend and vote on behalf of such members.

Section 3. National Advisory Committee. The Council may establish a National Advisory Committee, composed of persons who reside outside the area of the Southern Regional Council and who are sympathetic with the aims and policies of the Council, whose purpose shall be to advise the Council on matters pertaining to its work.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five (5) members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated State organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating: (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

Section 5. Other Committees. The Council may by resolution provide for such other standing or special committees as it deems desirable and may discontinue the

same at pleasure. Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these by-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Council. If provision be made for any such committee, the members thereof shall be appointed by the Council. Vacancies in such committees shall be filled by the Council or by such committee or officer as the Council may authorize to fill such vacancies.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers. The executive officers of the corporation shall be a president; one or more vice-presidents, not to exceed four; an executive director; assistant directors; a secretary; and a treasurer. The president, vice-presidents, and treasurer shall be chosen from among the members of the corporation. The executive director, assistant directors, and secretary shall not be members of the corporation. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person, in which case the secretary-treasurer shall not be a member of the corporation. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected annually by the Council. The executive director and assistant directors, secretary-treasurer, and counsel shall be subject to confirmation annually by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office until the corresponding meeting in the next year, and until their successors shall have been fully chosen and qualified, or until they shall have resigned or shall have been removed, in the manner provided in Article II, Section 8. Any vacancy in any of the above offices shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council, at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2. President. The president of the corporation shall serve as chairman of the Council. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Council, and he shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. First Vice-President. At the request of the president, or in his absence or disability, the first vice-president shall perform all the duties of the president; and when so acting shall have the powers of the president; and shall perform such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 4. Additional Vice-Presidents. Each additional vice-president, if any, shall perform the duties of the office in order of his rank and shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 5. Executive Director. The executive director shall be charged with the execution of the program and policies of the Council as defined by the Council, and shall be responsible directly to the Council. He shall have general charge and supervision of the employed personnel of the Council, he may sign and execute, in the name of the corporation, all authorized deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except in cases in which the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the corporation; and he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or by the Council.

Section 6. Assistant Directors. The assistant directors shall work in cooperation with the executive director in the administration of the program and policies of the Council. In the absence or disability of the executive director, one of the assistant directors will be designated by the executive director, or by the executive committee, to perform, temporarily, the duties of executive director.

Section 7. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, in books provided for the purpose; he shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws, or as required by law; he shall be custodian of the records and of the corporate seal or seals of the corporation; he shall see that the corporate seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized, and when so affixed may attest the same; and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of a secretary of a corporation, and such other duties as, from time to time, may be assigned to him by the Council or by the by-laws.

Section 8. Treasurer. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the corporation, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the corporation, all monies or other valuable effects in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Council; he shall render to the president and to the Council annually, and at other times whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the corporation; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of a treasurer of a corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 8A. Secretary-Treasurer. All or some of the duties contained in Sections 7 and 8 may be assigned to one person. This person will be designated Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 9. Controller. The office of controller may be created by the Council, and the duties and authority of such officer shall be fixed by the Council.

Section 10. Counsel. The duties and authority of the counsel shall be fixed by the Council, and he shall be a member of the Council, by virtue of his office.

[Adopted by the Membership Meeting of May 14, 1953, subject to implementation by the Executive Committee; made effective by the Executive Committee on April 6, 1954.]

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

February 17, 1955

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge (First Floor) of the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.

Ten members of the Executive Committee were present as follows:

Marion A. Wright, President
Rufus Clement, Chairman
Gordon Hancock, Vice-President
Carter Wesley, Vice-President
Leonard Haas, Counsel
Morris Abram
Paul Christopher
John Griffin
Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
Philip Hammer
Miss Josephine Wilkins

After the brief Executive Session, members of the staff came into the meeting as follows:

George Mitchell
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Anna Holden
Katherine Stoney
Elizabeth Brantley

Invocation was given by Mr. Gordon Hancock.

The Minutes of the preceeding meeting, having been circulated to members, were taken as approved.

The Executive Director reported that the Minutes of the Board meeting November 11, 1954, had been sent out for approval to three members of the Board; Dr. Ralph Barbare, Dr. C. G. Gomillion, and Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, and that as two of them had returned the minutes with approval they would be put in this form before the next meeting of the Board for formal approval.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF PERSONNEL

Mitchell

The Executive Director spoke of travel to Norfolk, Virginia, Anderson, South Carolina, Alexander City and Sylacauga, Alabama, Petersburg, Virginia, Arlington, Virginia, Montgomery County, Maryland, Shreveport and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to other points generally to meet with

small groups and further the idea of informal open interchange between local white and Negro citizens on methods to bring about integration in the schools. In addition to these general groups, he had been invited to appear before several trade union bodies.

Other travel had included a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, several trips to Virginia in the interest of getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations going, a trip to Kentucky for the meeting of the Southern Police Institute, and other meetings of people at work in this general field.

State organizations with staff were listed as: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Texas. Those organized, but without staff were: Tennessee, Arkansas, and Florida. In Virginia it was expected that a meeting to occur in Richmond February 22nd would launch a Virginia Council on Human Relations. The staff had made it clear to the states slow in getting organized that financial assistance to these states would be on a pro rata basis for the months of organized activity, although some assistance would be given these states in meeting the expenses of the organization.

Some members of the Committee called attention to the portion of the finance report showing the smallness of sums collected by the various states. It was explained that these sums represented monies collected in January, 1955, with many of the states still in an organizational stage.

Parrish

Mr. Parrish had been in seven or eight of the states since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, usually in company with Fred Routh. His particular role, he felt, was that of building up a communications resource between white and Negro persons. He described the form of organization in use in Kentucky, saying, among other things, that it had a particular use in making it possible to send white consultants to Negro communities and Negro consultants to white communities. In his view, not enough news was reaching the people of the South about the valuable developments toward desegregation, and he hoped that the Council's efforts could result in some correction of this imbalance.

Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton described two visits to conferences of the Kentucky consultants, and spoke in praise of the planning underway in that state. She said that the one thing that the Southern Regional Council has to sell is a process, the working together of individuals of both races in equality and with a common concern. She gave some discussion of the work underway in North Carolina, Tennessee, and several other states.

Fleming

Described the newly issued Changing Patterns in the New South; the prospect for the Southern Regional Council to assist the distribution of Lillian Smith's new book, Now is the Time; and discussed the new format

and contents of New South, the February issue of which was made available to members of the Committee. Mr.Wesley, Mr. Clement, Mr. Wright, and others urged that a major proportion of the time and resources of the Council go into promotion of the Council's publications.

Mrs. Tilly

Mrs. Tilly described the forthcoming meeting of church women on February 24th and 25th in Atlanta. The women would be coming from most of the states in the lower South, from some parts of the upper South, and a chosen few leadership people from the various denominational or inter-council offices. Mrs. Tilly stated that her work is hampered by the small amount of money she has to work with, and expressed a desire for increased resources for the work with church women.

REPORT ON PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Abram, as Chairman of this Committee established by the preceeding meeting (November 23, 1954) of the Executive Committee, and composed of himself, Mrs. Birnie, Miss Wilkins, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hammer, and Mr. Richardson. They had met five times and had reviewed with conscientious care and detail the program and planning activities of the Council. A series of questions put forward by the Committee for information and discussion were read as follows:

1. In the opinion of the Executive Committee, what were the specific and binding commitments implicit in the grant to the SRC from the Fund for the Republic?

2. Did the Supreme Court decision of May 17th have significance for the Southern Regional Council in meeting these commitments?

3. Are there critical situations in the South which broaden the obligations?

4. What is the responsibility of the Board in fulfilling the Southern Regional Council's commitments implicit in the Fund's grant?

5. The individual responsibility of a Board member?

6. What is the responsibility of the Executive Committee, as the body empowered to act for the Board?

7. The individual responsibility of a member of the Executive Committee?

8. To what extent is the Board assuming its responsibilities?

9. To what extent is the Executive Committee assuming its responsibilities?

10. What information between meetings do the members of the Board need?

11. The members of the Executive Committee?

Mr. Abram, in review, said that it could not be said that they had reached any conclusions; that they, realizing that the work of the Council had been cut out for it since the decision of May 17th, had recognized that it had been necessary to expand the Council very rapidly and that it was still working with limited funds; they had been aware of the good work done in setting up state organizations, and they had all agreed that a good job had been done by the staff. Various factors, mostly relating to the Supreme Court's decision, had made it difficult for the SRC to get prestige support for its program. He suggested greater participation by members of the Board, improvement of finances, and improvement of the form in which matters are brought before the members of the Executive Committee for decision and discussion.

Mr. Hammer, as another member of the Program Planning Committee, said that a good deal of discussion had been given to whether the flow of events subsequent to May 17th had had the effect of changing the real conditions on which the grant from the Fund for the Republic had been made to SRC. Before the decision of the Supreme Court, he said, the Council's program was conceived without considering this change, and should now be regeared. That might mean going back to the Fund for the Republic and urging reconsideration as to whether the Council should continue with its present three efforts at information, development of state organizations, and trouble-shooting (what he called "across the board" type of commitment), as against concentration of all effort and funds on expediting compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. If the latter were done, it would mean a far different role for the central staff. If it were still a basic principle that we go across the board, it means that a lot of our efforts are going to be focused on the long-run effort in the states. He said that the biggest thing discussed in the Planning Committee was the participation of the Board, because if the Council is going to continue with something like its present program, the job is so vast and the Council's efforts so scattered, it will mean a very close relationship between the Executive Committee and Board and central office, and the full participation of all. There is still some question, he said, as to the extent of participation in the organization as a whole, and the matter should become the concern of each member of the Council.

Mr. Abram felt that the central staff could use some additional money so that it could do an effective job in the various hot spots as they appear. For instance, if funds were available, he thought that the Council staff could work against the Citizens' Councils in Mississippi which, if permitted to jell, will impede integration for a long time to come. He felt that the needed funds could be raised if members of the Executive Committee and members of the Board assumed responsibility for doing so.

Miss Wilkins said that the main thing discussed in the Committee meetings was the present tense situation in the South. When people are semi-hysterical, they are going to be susceptible to new ideas in order to be comfortable, and they are going to get their minds crystallized into new ideas. The Council is going to have to take the lead in meeting this. While it doesn't have much money, it certainly has much more than ever before. Other organizations like the Citizens'Councils are at work. She reviewed the actual commitments to the Fund for the Republic. These

were: (1) to get going in twelve Southern states local organizations which, after a period of three years, would be self-supporting; (2) to give leadership to state groups as far as program is concerned; (3) to raise funds on a degree-of-matching basis, and (4) to keep the Council tax-exempt. She wondered if the Council really felt the responsibility in regard to these commitments.

Mrs. Birnie said that the members of the Executive Committee had in the past inadequately discharged its own responsibility, leaving too many things to central office staff personnel.

Mr. Abram, in summary, expressed the view that it was a great mistake for the central staff to have to worry about money for minor details of organizational effort. He wondered whether there could not be a reassignment or reallocation of funds? Could not enough money be raised or found so that the central staff could function under the terms of the grant? If the central office is undernourished because of funds, he believed that SRC should go back to the Fund for the Republic and ask for reallocation of unused state funds, for operating the central office, stating that the Supreme Court's decision made this imperative.

At this point the Committee adjourned for the luncheon interval.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Miss Stoney said that copies of the annual audit had been mailed to members of the Executive Committee before February 17th. She quickly reviewed the principle figures in the audit, and presented January and some February figures. For this meeting of the Executive Committee it had not been possible to get out current finance figures in advance, but for future meetings, she would plan to let the Executive Committee know the finance figures as currently as possible, at least a week before each meeting. Attention was called to the item of interest earned on the funds held by the Council.

TAX-EXEMPTION

The Executive Director brought up this matter which had arisen by reason of an application by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, now currently assisted by SRC, for formal tax-exemption. Only partial exemption had been granted in the Treasury's preliminary ruling, and an appeal had been made on behalf of the Georgia Committee for a hearing in order that full tax-exemption might be obtained. Suggestions were made of other states on which the test issue of tax-exemption might suitably be made. Among them were Tennessee and Kentucky.

LOYALTY CERTIFICATES

The staff had circulated to members of the Executive Committee, previous to this meeting, a notice that in one instance a state chairman had, on grounds solely of conscience, refused to comply with the request for a statement that the employed staff of his state organization were believed by him to be loyal. This was necessary for compliance with the

arrangements made by the November 23rd meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright moved that the Executive Director be authorized to suspend the requirement in any instance when the person felt that he would violate his conscience by signing such a statement.

A substitute motion by Mr. Christopher that the Committee rescind its former action was withdrawn upon the ruling of the Chairman of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee had no power to annul the action of the Board of Directors. The motion formally passed was "That it is the policy of the Board in cases where in local organizations on conscientious grounds the certificate is not made, that the Executive Director of the Council be empowered to make the certificate, if, in his opinion, the person is loyal."

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Executive Director stated that he deplored the age-old thinking that the South is unique, and saw no long-range necessity for an SRC. The emerging pattern for human relations programs in most parts of America is local organizations. The present effort of the Southern Regional Council is to get going, while the Council continued in life, state agencies which could look forward to becoming permanent and perhaps state-aided bodies. The money received from the Fund for the Republic had been for central office expense and for setting up state organizations. A clear commitment had been given to the Fund for the Republic not to spend for central office operation a greater proportion of the total grant than had been agreed upon. If more funds are needed for the operation of the central office, it was the Executive Director's opinion, such funds should be raised by the Council itself. He thought that it would be a breach of trust if money earmarked for the states was used for the central office. He rejected all reasoning that the Supreme Court decision had not been expected, stating that for months before the Supreme Court's decision he and other members of the staff had said repeatedly and in public that the decision would be a stern declaration of principle, with provision for moderate delay and adjustment in application. This had been the decision which had come from the Court, and the type of organization forecast and undertaken by the Southern Regional Council had been, in his view, neatly adapted to the situation presented by the Supreme Court's decision. He said that the state organizations were weak as yet, and in some instances not as aggressive as he had hoped that they might be. But he thought that they were wisely and constructively planned and would be taken up by the better forces in the South. Generally speaking, he stood firmly by what had been committed and said that unless directed otherwise, he would continue to administer the Council's program toward the fulfillment of those commitments.

Mr. Abram said that at the last meeting of the Program Planning Committee, the Committee had been convinced that staff personnel had a clear grasp of the pre-planned program. But that the point of difference was that the Committee thought it important that the central office get funds necessary to enable it to do the things that they knew ought to be done, and to free all members of the staff for full performance in accordance with their duties. He thought that for lack of those funds the Southern Regional Council would suffer, and increasingly so. He

suggested that if the matter of promotion of Changing Patterns, for instance, were laid before the Fund for the Republic, that they would regard a freeing of funds for that purpose as statesmanship rather than as a breach of faith. He agreed that it would be a mistake to go back and request more funds, but suggested that it was practicable and in keeping with the total commitment to make it known to the Fund for the Republic that the central office needed so many thousands of dollars to do the things which the Council ought to be doing. The Executive Director said that the right answer to that is that the Southern Regional Council ought to raise x-thousand of dollars.

Mr. Abram said that the role of the Council is that of working with other organizations to meet a crisis, and required greater resources than at present seem practicable. He moved that the Executive Director should feel morally and legally free to charge to state organization funds, not only travel and direct expenditures in connection with the organization of and services to state organizations, but also the attendant overhead and other costs of operation of the central office, and that sufficient funds therefore be made available to the central staff. And that it is the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee be made responsible for the allocation of these funds.

The Executive Director stated that he would consider the motion as advisory and not directive, and in the absence of direction on that point would not comply. After discussion Mr. Abram withdrew his motion.

The Executive Director said that it was necessary for the Southern Regional Council to raise money within the South to get these jobs done. He suggested that as a starter the Executive Committee make it clear to the Board that each Board member should get or give $100 before September 30, 1955, and that the Executive Committee should begin this itself.

To further questions by Mrs. Birnie and Mr. Griffin as to why travel expense in assistance to state organizations could not be charged to them, it was replied that in certain instances this was being done -- but under carefully circumscribed limitations.

Upon motion of Mr. Abram, it was recommended to the Board by the Executive Committee that "It is the policy of the Executive Committee that each member of the Council be asked to get or give $100 a year." It was amended by Miss Wilkins to say that "In our meeting of February 17th, the Executive Committee pledged itself to get $100 each, and we are asking the other members of the Board to join us." The motion was carried as amended.

Mr. Wright asked the Program Planning Committee to draw up recommendations and present them to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. He said that in particular it was an urgent need for the Executive Committee and the Board to play a more intimate part in the whole procedure of the Council.

Mr. Abram suggested that some members of the Executive Committee and the Board be asked to discuss with various members of the central office staff the work being done, and said that in the field of policy a committee could be arranged.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Parrish said that it would seem desirable that a finance committee of the Board begin to make connections with the finance committees in the states. If there is an interchange of ways of getting money within the states, then all the states could profit by the success of others.

The Executive Director reported that Mr. Edward Vinson has agreed to serve on a Finance Committee, although he is not willing to accept the chairmanship of the Committee. Various members in discussion pointed out that all, or most, members of the Finance Committee might come from the Board, and that whoever was elected as Treasurer might become a member of the Board.

Mr. Wright undertook early conference with the staff in order to agree upon personnel for a Finance Committee.

POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleming, after discussion of suggestions for a statement made by Mr. Wright and others, read a first draft of a proposed statement calculated to say something to encourage people whose impulses are right, but who are discouraged by the general climate and to emphasize the Council's own position at this stage. Discussion revealed that the Committee was agreeable to authorizing Mr. Fleming to reduce the length of the statement for release; that the statement should carry the names of members of the Executive Committee; that the statement be sent to Board members with official notice of adoption of the statement on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Hancock made the motion that the Executive Committee issue such a statement, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Director made the motion that some additional member of the staff, along with himself and Miss Stoney be authorized concurrently to sign checks. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, being the competent body under the By-Laws of the Council, by this instrument empowers Harold C. Fleming to countersign with the Secretary-Treasurer, official checks on the Council's money in his capacity as Assistant Director.

The cooperation of the Executive Committee in disposing of the Council's stock of Answers for Action was requested. The publication is still going well, but in a few more weeks or months will be made out of date by the new decision of the Supreme Court.

The Executive Director proposed that the next annual meeting of the Board be held in New Orleans, and was authorized to make inquiries among the members of the Council, and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

7/13/55

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Sytz, Miss Florence	Professor	Tulane Sch. of Soc. Wk., New Orleans, La.
Thomas, L. E.	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla.
Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tenn.
Trenholm, H. C.%	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala.
Turnipseed, A. S.	Clergyman	251 Island Ct., Mobile, Ala
Weiss, Morton	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wellons, R. D.#	Educator	Pembroke College, Pembroke, N. C.
Wesley, Carter*	Publisher	Box 3086, Houston, Tex.
Wheeler, John H.	Banker	Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, N.C.
Wilkins, Miss Josephine	Civic Leader	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
Williams, Paul D.	Businessman	3320 Gloucester Rd., Richmond, Va.
Wright, M. A.*	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N. C.
Young, Thomas W.	Publisher	Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

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* SRC Officer

\# Ex-officio

% State representative

**Employed for the summer months in the Kentucky program, and therefore for the summer months on the Board of SRC.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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9/23/55

A copy of this letter has been sent to each member of the Board of Directors.

R. H.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

September 22, 1955

Dear

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The meeting begins at 9:15 a.m.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether you will be able to attend this meeting.

Expenses of Board Members and ex-officio Board Members will be paid.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

P. S. Any members wishing to spend a night while attending the meeting at Tuskegee Institute, will be welcome to stay at Dorothy Hall. Please let us know in advance because reservations will have to be made.

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Signed Mrs. W. F. Bates

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Signed Charles S. Johnson
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Dr. Johnson now in Europe. Signature given by Secretary to President, by direction of President. Regret but prior commitments make it impossible to attend.

Aneda E. France

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Signed Marian B. Paul

I regret that it will not be possible for me to attend but I have used up all my leave for the year.

Sorry.

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FILE COPY

Dear Executive Committee Member:

Here's a budget for all we think it would be rightful to spend, and how, for this fiscal year. The meeting October 28th-29th should be prepared to recommend a budget to the Board, which meets November 9th.

We think somewhere around $65,500 of this budget can be got together. Where the other $25,000 - $30,000 is to come from the staff does not know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Small Foundations		1,000.00
Dues of Associate Members		500.00
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Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
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FLORIDA	August 15, 1955	225.00	250.64
GEORGIA	June 1, 1954	3,466.64	3,603.42
KENTUCKY	December 1, 1954	1,500.00	1,315.00*
LOUISIANA	June 1, 1954	2,800.00	2,917.18
MISSISSIPPI	January 1, 1955	1,350.00	1,362.25
NORTH CAROLINA	October 1, 1954	2,800.00	2801.52 2,525.72
SOUTH CAROLINA	October 1, 1954	1,800.00	1,804.00
TENNESSEE	June 15, 1955	600.00	674.75
TEXAS	November 1, 1954	1,650.00	2,541.69
VIRGINIA	July 1, 1955	450.00	1,221.00

* Kentucky reported in early October that it had passed its goal.

Prepared by: Fred Routh and Ruth House Alexander
October 25, 1955

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VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

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RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE ~~PRESIDENT~~ Chancellor

October 27, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am embarrassed at the lateness of my reply regarding the meeting at Tuskegee November 9. I lost the card.

I plan to attend the meeting at Tuskegee. I may have to fly one way, unless getting to Tuskegee by noon is time enough for the meeting. Or, I could leave here the evening of the 8th in time to get the early train from Atlanta to Tuskegee.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Ellison

J. M. Ellison
Chancellor

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SRC Newsletter

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 63 Auburn, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Vol.2, No.1 Nov.1st, 1955

FIRST GRANT PERIOD ENDS

September 30th was the last day of the first grant period of aid from the Fund for the Republic. On that date the first phase of SRC's program-- of creating on-going organizations in twelve states--was completed. Praise is due the Boards of the various state organizations for their work in choosing staff, helping raise funds, and helping plan program. Praise, too, is due the state staff people who have carried the burden during this organizational period.

STAFF CHANGES AND ADDITIONS IN CENTRAL OFFICE

The Atlanta office has added recently Mr. G. S. Alexander as administrative assistant and Miss Florence Irving as research assistant. Mr. Alexander does budgets, reviews state finance reports and helps on many administrative matters. Miss Irving, employed under a grant from the Doris Duke Foundation, collects, classifies, and digests informational materials.

Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander has become Acting Secretary-Treasurer, replacing Miss Katherine Stoney who has taken a job with the YWCA in Houston, Texas. New office people are Mrs. Ruby Hamilton and Miss Yvonne Southall.

Similarity of names is noted but SRC doesn't go in for nepotism.

IRENE OSBORNE

Each state organization has been advised of Irene Osborne's itinerary of visits. Miss Osborne did heroic work with the American Friends Service Committee in helping Washington DC desegregate its public schools. She is on a six months leave of absence to work with SRC and its state affiliates.

NEW ADDRESSES

The addresses of three state organizations were not in the last listing of State Executive Directors in the April Newsletter. They are:

Florida Council on Human Relations: 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach.
Exec.Dir. Mr. William K. Williams; Assoc.Dir. Mr. Howard D. Roberts.
Telephone: Clinton 3-7072

Tennessee Council on Human Relations: Rm.420 Jackson Bldg. Cherry at 7th Street,
Office Mgr. Mr. Clarence L. Hughes. Telephone: 7-9761 Chattanooga

Virginia Council on Human Relations: 100 E. Franklin Street, Richmond
Exec.Dir. Rev. John H. Marion; Assoc.Dir. Mr. William Cooper.
Telephone: 3-8538

SRC ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of the Southern Regional Council will take place at the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. Nov. 9th. The regular Board members plus two from each state organization (chairman & representative) have been invited. No staff meeting, such as we held in Atlanta last Fall, is planned.

FINANCE COMMITTEES NEEDED

The minimum amount of money to be raised in any state this fiscal year is $3,500 and some states have assumed heavier obligations. This makes essential a strong, active finance committee in each state. Staff members first responsibility is to program; fund raising is primarily a function of the Board.

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

STATE	ORGANIZED	FUNDS-QUOTA	FUNDS RAISED*
ALABAMA	Oct. 1, '54	$1,800.00	$2,224.30
ARKANSAS	Apr.15, '55	$ 825.00	$ 832.58
FLORIDA	Aug.15, '55	$ 225.00	$ 250.64
GEORGIA	June 1, '54	$3,466.64	$3,603.42
KENTUCKY	Dec. 1, '54	$1,500.00	$1,315.00
LOUISIANA	June 1, '54	$2,800.00	$2,917.18
MISSISSIPPI	Jan. 1, '55	$1,350.00	$1,362.25
N. CAROLINA	Oct. 1, '54	$2,800.00	$2,525.72
S. CAROLINA	Oct. 1, '54	$1,800.00	$1,804.00
TENNESSEE	June15, '54	$ 600.00	$ 674.75
TEXAS	Nov. 1, '54	$1,650.00	$2,541.69
VIRGINIA	July 1, '55	$ 450.00	$1,221.00

* Based on Monthly reports from State Organizations Oct. 1, '55
(Kentucky met its quota a few days later)

PRINTED PROMOTIONAL LEAFLETS

We have seen descriptive, promotional leaflets from Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. This idea is much to be commended for it helps interpret the state organizations to prospective members and other interested parties.

SRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SRC's Executive Committee has met five times since last years annual meeting of the Board; they met Nov. 23, '54; Feb. 17, '55; May 26, '55; Aug. 16-18, '55; and Oct. 28-29, '55. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Ky. All the rest were held in Atlanta.

STATE ORGANIZATION DUES

Several of the State Organizations have adopted lesser dues than the $5 originally suggested by SRC, and to this we have no objection for it is understood that $2 per member still comes for subscription to New South. According to our best information state dues for individual members now in effect are:

Alabama...$3.50	Kentucky....$5.00	S.Carolina.$3.50
Arkansas..$3.00	Louisiana...$5.00	Tennessee..$5.00
Florida...$5.00	Mississippi.$5.00	Texas.....$5.00
Georgia...$5.00	N.Carolina..$5.00	Virginia...$5.00

SRC AUDIT AVAILABLE

Mr. L. E. Campbell, our auditor, has prepared the usual audit for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1955; and a special audit for the eighteen month period, April 1, '54 - Sept. 30, '55. These have been mimeographed and are available on request.

STATE NEWS LETTERS

Atlanta has received state newsletters from Ala., Ark., Miss., N. C., S. C., Tenn., and Texas. This is a splendid way of keeping members abreast of, and interested in developments. We recommend it to all state organizations.

NAACP, SRC, AND GEORGIA COMMITTEE ATTACKED

On October 19th the Attorney General of Georgia, Eugene Cook, speaking before the Georgia Peace Officers Association, in the best McCarthy tactic of innuendo, attacked the NAACP, its leadership, and its purposes. In addition he said:

> " The NAACP is being aided and abetted in its agitation by three "front" organizations on the Southern scene -- the Southern Conference Education Fund; the Southern Regional Council; and the SRC's affiliate, the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The Southern Conference Education Fund and the Southern Regional Council are both dominated by individuals who, like the officials of the NAACP, have long records of affinity for and participation in Communist, Communist-front, fellow-traveling, left-wing and subversive organizations and activities. Sworn testimony taken by both House and Senate Committees have placed known Communists in both organizations and the Southern Conference Fund may soon be designated a subversive organization."

"The Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation is a perfect example of an organization formed for the purpose of exploiting the names, reputations and services of well-intentioned do-gooders. It is composed of some of Georgia's most distinguished clerygmen and most prominent civic and social leaders who have been duped into doing the bidding of the more sinister elements manipulating the Southern Regional Council."

"Investigations are currently being made of all three organizations -- the results of which will greatly embarrass those good citizens who unwittingly have become involved in their activities. I urge all such persons to take immediate steps to disassociate themselves from these groups and to disavow their programs and their leaders before they, their friends and their congregations are exposed to the anguish and embarrassment which exposure of these groups will necessarily mean."

SRC REPLIED IN A PRESS RELEASE:

"Any charges that the Southern Regional Council has Communist connections or is influenced by Communist ideas are poppycock. The Southern Regional Council is made up of reasonable, tolerant, and forward-looking citizens who wish to see the states in the South do a sober, responsible job of accomodating themselves to the changes in the world around us. As to investigations, they are perfectly welcome. We have nothing to hide. All that will result will be red faces for those who set on the investigators."

"The Southern Regional Council is made up of some eighty people, who are members of its Board of Directors. Some of them are white and some are Negro. All of them are distinguished for their active and thoughtful careers within the South. What a tragedy for a state attorney general, sworn to uphold the law, to attack one of the few efforts which proceeds within the South to deal truthfully and in mutual respect with the problems which the region confronts. Watch the birdie. Who is proposing conduct subversive of the Constitution and courts of our land?

THE GA. COMMITTEE REPLIED IN A PRESS RELEASE:

"For the Attorney General to label the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation a "front" organization is not only ridiculous, but it is a libel on those Georgia leaders he labels as "dupes" and on Georgia officials as well."

"True, the Georgia Committee is composed of "some of Georgia's most distinguished clergymen and most prominent civic and social leaders." And it is these same leaders who make up the board of directors and the executive committee of the group. It is these same leaders who plan and direct the policy and program of the Georgia Committee and are sincerely trying to help solve a difficult Southern problem."

"The Georgia Committee has a history dating back to 1919. If, as the Attorney General claims, an investigation is being made of the Georgia Committee, why should it come at this time? The answer is obvious when one stops to consider the fact that there are some irresponsible people today who claim the Supreme Court of the United States is under the influence of Communists. Who could better claim the label of subversive -- those who seek to uphold the supreme law of the land or those who seek to circumvent it? The Attorney General is seeking to delay the solution and impugning the motives of those who seek to help work out a solution."

"On a monument to the British soldiers who died on King's Mountain, S. C., is this inscription, They came 3000 miles to keep the past on the throne. There are still those who fight to keep the past on the throne."

"The Georgia Committee will welcome any investigations by <u>responsible</u> people. It has nothing to hide."

<u>IN REFUTATION</u>

SRC is preparing additional factual material to refute such unfounded attacks. It will be sent to all state organizations.

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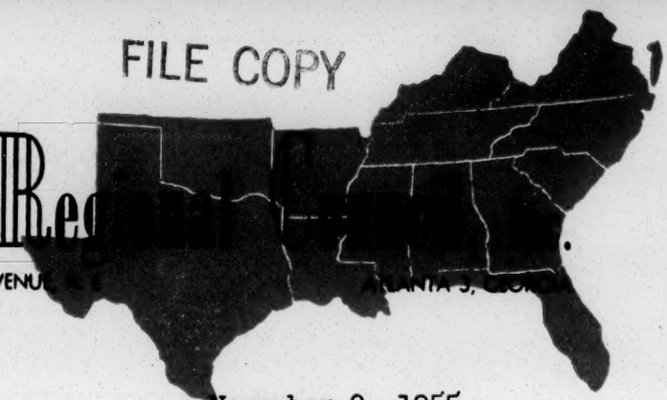

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 2, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

FILE COPY

The Board meets, as you know, at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday, November 9, 1955.

Here are some items in advance. If you will read them, the business of the meeting can be speeded up. Enclosed are:

Proposed changes in by-laws
A budget for the current fiscal year
Report of the Executive Committee to your Board
Job descriptions of present main staff people
A recent issue of SRC News (mostly for state staff)
A fresh review of SRC history in the light of charges made by the Attorney General of Georgia that SRC is a "front" (made in a recent Georgia speech denouncing mainly the NAACP)

We all look forward to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

Harold C. Fleming
Acting Executive Director

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF SRC

For November 9, 1955 Meeting of the Board

The Executive Committee proposes to the Board that the following changes be made in the By-Laws:

As At Present	As Proposed
Article II. Members Section 3. The president, the vice-presidents, the treasurer, the executive director, and assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members /of the corporation/	The president, the vice-presidents, and the treasurer shall also be ex-officio members.
Article V Section 1. Executive Committee. The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel;/the executive director and the assistant directors shall also be ex-officio members of the Committee, but without the right to vote./	The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel.

The Executive Committee proposes to use its power under Article V, Section 2, "to fix its own rules of procedure" in such a way as to have in the course of each meeting of the Executive Committee one part of the session with no staff personnel present; and to that end recommends to the Board the above changes in the By-Laws.

Action taken at the October 28-29, 1955
meeting of the Executive Committee

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For Fiscal Year - October 1, 1955—September 30, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:	Actual-18 mos. 4/1/54 to 9/30/55	Adjusted 12 mos.	Estimated 1955-56
Contributions from Individuals, Organizations, Churches, etc.	$ 36,106.30	$ 24,070.91	$ 14,000.00
Dues	1,405.00	936.67	500.00
New South Subscriptions	3,603.63	2,402.42	6,000.00
Sale of Literature	4,981.50	3,321.00	3,000.00
Honoraria	2,527.01	1,684.69	1,000.00
Interest Income	2,577.16	1,718.03	800.00
State Divisions	597.50	398.34	
Fund for the Republic	80,200.00	53,466.67	25,000.00
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds			12,100.00
Surplus 1954-55			2,500.00
Sub Total			$ 64,900.00
Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget			28,180.00
TOTAL	$131,998.10	$ 87,998.73	$ 93,080.00

Estimated expenditures for fiscal year - October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956, and comparison with actual expenditures for the 12 month period - September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

EXPENSES:	Actual 1954-55	Proposed 1955-56
Salaries	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956

Received from the Fund for the Republic		$ 25,000.00
Carry-over from Marshall Field Grant, on hand or covenanted		5,250.00
Carry-over from Doris Duke Grant		6,850.00
Cash balance October 1, 1955, over and above current bills		2,500.00
Contributions:		
Church Organizations		
Methodist	$ 3,000.00	
Presbyterian	500.00	
Protestant Episcopal	1,000.00	
Other	500.00	5,000.00
Labor Organizations		
American Federation of Labor	3,000.00	
United Steelworkers	1,000.00	
United Automobile Workers	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers'	500.00	
Other	500.00	6,000.00
Small Foundations		1,000.00
Dues of Associate Members		500.00
Sale of Literature		3,000.00
New South Subscriptions - non-state		1,000.00
New South Subscriptions - state		5,000.00
Honoraria		1,000.00
Board and Executive Committee		2,000.00
Interest Income		800.00
Total clearly expectable		$ 64,900.00
Hoped-for contributions		
Further Grant from Doris Duke Foundation		7,000.00
John Hay Whitney Foundation		4,000.00
Other foundation aid		20,000.00
*Contribution to be raised by Finance Committee, net		15,000.00
TOTAL		$110,900.00

*In view of the importance of raising in this second grant period of aid from the Fund for the Republic a goodly sum to enable the Central Office and the Council as a whole to continue through the third grant period it is hoped that a much larger sum can be raised, mainly from contributions within the South.

FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038.26	$ 45,380.00
* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000,00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF
THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 23, 1954 to NOVEMBER 8, 1955

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met five times since the last annual meeting of the Board. The dates on which the meetings were held were: November 23, 1954; February 17, 1955; May 26, 1955; August 16-18, 1955; and October 28-29, 1955. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. All the rest were held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee's actions are here listed:

1. Charged chairmen of state organizations with the responsibility of employing only loyal Americans, and of signing a form so stating for SRC's permanent files. 11/23/54

2. As empowered by the Board, worded an amendment of SRC's By-Laws, Article V, Section 4, to provide for a Nominating Committee, which, meeting at least 30 days prior to annual meeting, would nominate: a) Members of the Council; b) Officers of the Council; c) Members of the Executive Committee; and d) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee (one of whom is to be a state chairman). The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint at least two more members. 11/23/54

3. Appointed a Program Planning Committee to work closely with the staff in planning program. 11/23/54

4. Carefully reviewed work of the staff and Program Planning Committee. 2/17/55

5. Pledged members present to raise or give $100 each to SRC and invited the rest of the Committee and Board to do likewise. 2/17/55

6. Authorized the release of a "Statement by the Executive Committee, Southern Regional Council" which hailed the progress toward desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties, summarized what was being done in the upper South and Southwest, and deplored lack of progress in the hard core states.

It strongly recommended the creation of local planning committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55. Action completed October 1, 1955.

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meetings for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

23. Approved the staff draft of a manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, drawn for use in the October, 1955 controversy with the Attorney-General of Georgia. 10/28-29/55

24. Proposed for the consideration of the Board of Directors such amendments to the By-Laws as would confine membership on the Board and on the Executive Committee to volunteer (i. e., non-staff) personnel. 10/28-29/55

25. Undertook to draft procedural rules for the meetings of the Executive Committee which would bring in staff personnel on invitation. 10/28-29/55

26. Accepted with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, he having served the Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in this capacity for more than twenty-five years. 10/28-29/55

27. Undertook that in the present fiscal year instead of recommending that Committee and Board members give or get a hundred dollars apiece to the Council a request would be made to these persons to assist the Council directly with such sums as might be practicable. 10/28-29/55

28. Agreed to recommend to the Board the employment of Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer, at a modest increase in salary. 10/28-29/55

29. Selected the Executive Committee's members of the 1956 Nominating Committee. 10/28-29/55

30. Approved an arrangement for asking the chairman of each affiliated state organization to nominate a member from that state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. 10/28-29/55

31. Adopted a proposed schedule of expenditures for the central office totalling $93,080 in the fiscal year 1955-56, subject to quarterly review as to availability of funds, and with the proviso that a complete budget, listing expected income and proposed outgo, be submitted to the Board of Directors November 9, 1955. 10/28-29/55

32. Accepted the resignation of Morris Abram, of Atlanta, from the Executive Committee, expressing the hope that Mr. Abram would remain on the Board. 10/28-29/55.

33. Approved a proposal to employ an Assistant Director for Program to coordinate a program to be operated jointly with state organizations for assistance in program planning. 10/28-29/55

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LIST OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF
WITH SALARY RATE AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Executive Director - $10,000. per year

Assistant Director for Information and Research - $6,500. per year

Prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, including pamphlets, leaflets, and the Council's magazine, New South. Supervise the research program of SRC and the maintenance of materials and clipping files, servicing of information requests, and fact-finding incident to the Council's program. Maintain contacts with the daily, weekly, and periodical press, and, upon occasion, to prepare and circulate news releases. Conduct negotiations with organs of opinion, including the press, radio, television, etc. Interview visiting journalists and other writers, and inform them on matters Southern and matters relating directly to SRC. In the absence of the Director to be responsible for the administration of the program of the Council. This official has direction and control of the Editorial Assistant and the Research Assistant.

Assistant Director for State Organization (2 persons) - $7,500. per year

Mainly through field travel, but also through correspondence and other means of communication, to be in touch with the movement underway in each of twelve Southern states to launch a permanent race relations organization. To advise and counsel with the leaders or members of these organizations, and in interviews to request the assistance and discover the attitude of various people influential in each state believed to have an interest in matters which concern the Council. To be responsible, under the Executive Director, for all SRC contacts with certain or all of the state programs. To interpret to state personnel SRC policy and detailed arrangements; to assist state organizations in the selection of personnel; to supervise the performance of state organizations and their adherence to SRC policy. To originate programs of activities suitable for each state and to attempt to secure adoption and execution of such programs.

Assistant Director for Program - vacant

Using an extensive knowledge of community programs and Southern movements, under the supervision of the Executive Director and with assistance from other staff members, to coordinate a program of training of state staff personnel and their boards and committee members in program implementation; of recruiting additional persons to serve as consultants in such training; and to evaluate the actual work of state organizations and of the staff of consultants. To originate and advise upon suitable programs of activities for the central office.

In Charge of Women's Work - $5,000. per year

To administer, in conformity with the broad policy of the Southern Regional Council, a program relating activities of individual Church women and of Church groups to the concerns of the Southern Regional Council. The program with the Church women and with other Church bodies is to have a high degree of autonomy as befits a relationship with Church connected bodies.

To travel widely to gatherings of Church people; to be in frequent contact personally and by correspondence with organizational leaders in the various denominational groups; to prepare releases and special publications for use by these bodies; and to assist with advice and information to various Church programs akin to the purposes of the Southern Regional Council. In addition, and specifically, to assist the Fellowship of the Concerned or any similar special organization of its kind.

To promote state or regional meetings of women, whether church connected or not, with a view of enlisting their aid in support of the Council's activities.

Secretary-Treasurer - $4,000. per year

Central Office - The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for all bookkeeping records including receipts, disbursements, payroll and tax records with filing of tax forms and payment of taxes; for all banking of Council's money; for purchases of office supplies and equipment and for payment of all the Council's obligations including checking of invoices and preparation of checks. With the help of auditor, makes finance reports to Fund for the Republic and to SRC Executive Committee.

She also keeps permanent records of the Council, including records of Board membership, minutes of meetings and all matters pertaining to SRC members and associates. She is also responsible for New South circulation and for filling orders and keeping records on sale of literature. She is responsible for office management, supervision of clerical assistants and for providing clerical and stenographic help needed by the professional staff including employment of such people as may be needed, subject to approval by the Executive Director.

Under the state organizations' set up she will be responsible for payrolls for these employees, for working with them on their budgets for office and travel needs, and for obtaining and reporting on their monthly finance reports to the Council as well as their New South circulation.

At the present time the Secretary-Treasurer has the help of one clerical assistant.

Administrative Assistant - $6,000. per year

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director shall establish and supervise accounting procedures; handle all insurance matters, including guarding against lapses or under-insurance; prepare fiscal analysis and reports needed by staff or committees or the Board; prepare and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Committee proposed budgets, and reports showing fiscal operations and status pursuant to budgets as finally adopted; and upon request advise and consult with the state organizations on purchasing, fiscal, budgetary, and accounting matters.

The Administrative Assistant shall perform his duties under the direction of the Executive Director.

Editorial Assistant - $4000. per year

Assist the Assistant Director for Information and Research in the information program, including the preparation of publications of the Council, contact with the press, interviewing of journalists and other visitors interested in the work of the Council, and working with directors of state affiliates of the Council on their information program.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

Research Assistant - $4,000. per year

To perform such fact-finding and research as may be required. To assemble, classify, and maintain reference files drawn from newspaper reports, periodicals, Census publications, and other reference materials. To handle mail requests for information. To conduct occasional mail surveys of race relations practices in such fields as municipal employment, professional associations, public libraries, and recreation facilities. To provide technical assistance to community self-surveys. To write occasional articles for New South.

This official operates under the direction and control of the Assistant Director for Information and Research.

10/31/55

THE ATTACK ON

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

and

THE GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON INTERRACIAL COOPERATION

A Brief Statement on the
History and Aims of
The Southern Regional Council
October, 1955

THE ATTACK ON FREE OPINION

Last March the Southern Regional Council declared:

"There is presently a concerted attempt by official leadership (in the deep South) to stamp out independent thought and stifle all dissent with respect to school segregation...."

In recent weeks, the attempt to intimidate and silence those who believe in an enlightened, law-abiding approach to race relations has gone into high gear. Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook took up the attack in a diatribe aimed mainly at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In the course of his speech, Mr. Cook also attacked the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation.

The object of this side attack on two constructive Southern organizations was to frighten off the thousands of religious, civic, labor, and business leaders who have joined together to work positively at the South's most urgent problem. It is revealing that, although the work of these two organizations goes back 35 years, Mr. Cook has only now chosen to strike at them.

Every intelligent person will recognize this cynical attack for what it is. Mr. Cook hints darkly at "subversion," "sinister manipulation," and"leftwing associations." There is on the statute books of Georgia a strong law providing severe punishment for anyone guilty of subversive conduct or association. As the chief legal officer of the state, Mr. Cook should be expected to act through the process of law, safeguarding the rights and reputations of good citizens. But Mr. Cook knows his charges are false. Neither the Southern Regional

Council nor the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation has ever been listed or accused of disloyalty by the U. S. Attorney General or any other official body. So Mr. Cook must resort to smear and innuendo in the public forum.

This, in brief form, is the story of the Southern Regional Council. Many Southerners may disagree with the Council's point of view. But no fair-minded person, in full possession of the facts will doubt that it is an honest and patriotic organization, responsible in both its methods and its aims.

HOW THE SRC BEGAN

The Southern Regional Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, have a history of 35 years of constructive activity. The Commission was founded in 1919 by a group of the South's leading church men and women. Among them were Dr. M. Ashby Jones, prominent Baptist minister, Mr. John J. Eagan, businessman and philanthropist, Dr. Plato Durham, dean of the Emory University Theology School, and Dr. Will W. Alexander, the Commission's director. Its work in behalf of sound race relations was acclaimed by the South's leading newspapers, religious leaders, and by many public officials. It provided a meeting ground where the best people of both races could work together to dispel prejudice, tensions, and violence. It made possible, through persuasion and education, much of the interracial progress of which Southerners today can be justly proud.

Early in the 1940s, leaders in the Southern interracial movement joined together to revitalize their efforts. As a result, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation merged in 1944 with the newly formed Southern Regional Council. The organizing meeting of the Council was held in response to a "call" issued by some of the South's finest leader-

ship, including:

C. H. Gillman, Georgia Director, C.I.O.
George L. Googe, Southern Director, A.F.L.
M. Ashby Jones, Baptist minister
Ryland Knight, Baptist minister
Rabbi David Marx, The Temple, Atlanta
Bishop Arthur J. Moore, The Methodist Church
Ralph McGill, editor, The Atlanta Constitution
Stuart R. Oglesby, Presbyterian minister
Most Rev. Gerald P. O'Hara, Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta
Dean S. Paden, President, King Hardware Company
J. McDowell Richards, President, Columbia Theological Seminary
Bishop John Moore Walker, The Protestant Episcopal Church
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Following the deliberations of this group and a subsequent conference with Southern Negro leaders, the SRC was chartered early in 1944. The incorporators were Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Ralph McGill, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, and Dr. Howard W. Odum, professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina.

Since this auspicious beginning, the Council's membership has included distinguished Southerners, white and Negro, in all walks of life. Dr. Odum was the first president of the organization. He was succeeded by Paul D. Williams, of Richmond, Va., a prominent Catholic layman and co-founder of the Catholic Committee of the South. Mr. Williams served as president for six years -- from 1945 until 1951. He was succeeded by Mr. Marion A. Wright, widely known as a South Carolina attorney active in civic and educational affairs, now living in Linville Falls, N. C.

The Council's present and past board members number well over 150. The quality of its leadership may be measured by the list of members of the Executive Committee over the past 12 years, appearing on page 9.

HOW SRC WORKS

The Southern Regional Council consists of a board of some 80 Southerners representing the major religious faiths, both races, and the 13 states of the region. The members listed on page 10, are respected residents of their states and their communities. These people are the Southern Regional Council. They make the policies and review all activities at an annual meeting. They elect an Executive Committee which meets at least every three months to give closer direction to the organization. And full reports of all activities are sent to the members quarterly. The Council is non-profit, non-political, and non-denominational.

WHAT SRC HAS DONE

The Council works through the sound methods of education, fact-finding, and persuasion. It seeks no legislation, it carries on no court action, and it uses no "pressure group" tactics. It collects the facts about racial problems and progress in the South and makes these facts available to private citizens and public officials. NEW SOUTH, the Council's monthly publication, has built an unchallenged reputation for reliability and accuracy. Following are some of the areas with which the SRC's educational program has been concerned:

* Employment of Negro policemen in Southern communities.

* Newspaper handling of racial news.

* Community self-surveys, in which local people study their problems as a basis for achieving local solutions.

* Conferences of leading white and Negro Southerners with common concerns and a common desire to further democratic practices in their areas of interest -- health, housing, education, etc.

* Voluntary decisions to open professional associations, private colleges, public libraries, and the like to all qualified persons without respect to race.

* Impartial enforcement of the law and administration of justice in the South.

* Orderly adjustment at the community level to the recent decisions of the Supreme Court holding public school segregation unconstitutional.

AFFILIATED STATE ORGANIZATIONS

With the aid of a grant from the Fund for the Republic, the Southern Regional Council is assisting interracial organizations in 12 Southern states. Each of these organizations has its own membership, officers, and staff. In each case, people of the state involved make their own decisions as to policy and program. Affiliation with the Southern Regional Council is voluntary, and the purpose of the short-term financial aid from SRC is to help the state groups become strong, self-sustaining bodies.

The affiliated organization in Georgia is the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. The Georgia Committee has a long and distinguished history, having operated continuously since 1919. Its directors and officers include some of Georgia's most respected clergymen, church women, and civic leaders. Its executive director is Dr. Guy H. Wells, President-Emeritus of Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville. A list of the Georgia Committee's board members appears on page 11. To suggest that people of such intelligence and character would lend themselves to an unworthy cause is insulting

to them and absurd on its face.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Church people have always been the moving force in the Southern interracial movement. This is as true today as it was 35 years ago. All of the major religious groups represented in the South have taken their stand in favor of the principle embodied in the Supreme Court's segregation ruling. The court ruling was endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention, many of the Southern conferences of The Methodist Church, the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, the Province of Sewanee (Southeastern) of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Catholic Bishops of the South, the various Jewish religious and fraternal groups, and virtually all of the other denominations found in the South. It is only natural that many religious Southerners should seek to put the principles of their faith into everyday practice.

The Southern Regional Council and the affiliated state groups have enjoyed both financial and moral support from religious bodies representing the three major faiths.

Dr. George S. Mitchell, executive director of the Council, received the 1953 Annual Award of the Catholic Committee of the South "for his significant contribution to the welfare of the South."

COMMUNISM AND RACE RELATIONS

Those who seek, for political or other reasons, to fan the fires of racial prejudice have set out to brand interracial progress as "communist-inspired." By this means they hope to confuse the public and discredit the growing number of individuals and organizations who believe in equal citizenship for all.

Not only is this phony "anti-communism" vicious; it offends the intelligence of every thinking person. The international communist movement has one, and only one, interest in our racial problems -- that is, to exploit them throughout the world. Some two-thirds of the people of the earth are dark-skinned, and the communists are trying desperately to win them with the claim that our kind of democracy is available only to white persons. If there were no racial discrimination or segregation in this country, the communist movement in Asia and Africa would lack its must effective weapon.

A perfect example of this fact is the reaction of Soviet Russian officialdom to the Supreme Court decision. For days, the government-controlled Russian press made no mention whatever of the decision. When at last they could ignore it no longer, they announced defensively that the decision meant nothing -- that it would never be implemented. This is precisely the argument that Attorney General Cook and his fellow demagogs make so noisily. Unwittingly perhaps, but undeniably, they do a great service to the cause of communism every time they raise their voices on behalf of "white supremacy."

Individuals and organizations that work responsibly and conscientiously for the growth of democracy in the South and the Nation are the opponents that the communists really fear. Yet it is precisely these individuals and organizations that Mr. Cook and his kind seek to defame and discredit. What could please the communists more than to get the credit for every effort to make our American ideal a working, living reality? What could please them more than a campaign to arouse suspicion and hatred of those citizens who work intelligently for a more just, democratic, and Christian society? How they must delight in the

irony of such Americans being stigmatized as servants and dupes of the communist cause!

No informed person believes that the communists want to see Negroes accorded equal rights and dignity or that they want to see our racial problems solved through the orderly processes of the law and constructive community action. The communists want to see us hopelessly bogged down in our prejudices and our fears. They want to see us defying the law of the land, whipping up racial hatred for political purposes. In this respect, they have a common purpose with Attorney General Cook and his kind.

TO KEEP OPINION FREE

The Southern Regional Council is a realistic organization. It was organized by Southerners and is run by Southerners who have lived with the problems of our region and know them well. Therefore, the Council recognizes the difficulties inherent in the changes now required of the South. But the people who make up the Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation believe that we can and will -- as, indeed, we must -- make the transition to a society in which citizenship is not qualified by race.

The issue here is not whether everyone can agree with this point of view -- obviously many do not. The issue is whether or not citizens can voice this and other legitimate opinions without suffering abuse at the hands of irresponsible officials.

The answer must be "yes" if we are not to have thought-control in the South. The power of state officials is great, and if misused it is dangerous to all. If any citizens can be penalized for legitimate opinions honestly held, then all citizens can be penalized at the pleasure of a few.

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from the desk of

Harry S. Jones

November 7, 1955

TO: Fred Routh

We have been trying to find someone to attend the SRC Board Meeting in Tuskegee in place of Dr. Wellons, our state chairman, who is unable to attend . The only possibility seems to be Dr. Cameron McRae of Burnsville. He hopes to be able to attend, but as late as this morning he was not sure that he could make the necessary arrangements. He lives in Burnsville, which is near the home of Marion Wright, and he was going to get in touch with Mr. Wright to see if the two of them could drive together. He understands that his expenses will be paid since he will be substituting for Dr. Wellons.

John Wheeler from Durham and John Larkins from Raleigh are both planning to attend. Larkins, you may recall, is an ex officio member of the Board.

This morning we came within $43.00 of our 1955 financial goal. I am quite sure that we will make up that amount by tomorrow. You may expect to hear from me by telephone.

H. S. J.

Harry S. Jones

HSJ/s

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Mrs. W. F. Bates (Ark.) ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
Mrs. C. M. Birnie (Ga.) ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
F. Woods Beckman (Tenn.) ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
W. Carroll Brooke (Va.) ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
I. H. Burney (Fla.)	Yes	
R. E. Clement (Ga.)	Yes	
Mrs. James S. Crate (Texas) ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
A. W. Dent (La.) ✓	Yes	
Rev. Albert D'Orlando (La.)	Yes	
J. M. Ellison (Va.)	Yes	
J. Claude Evans (S.C.)	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
Charles Gomillion (Ala.) ✓	Yes	
Gordon Hancock (Va.)	Yes	
Duncan Hunter (Ala.) ✓	Yes	
A. L. Johnson (Miss.) ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
J. R. Larkins (N. C.) ✓	Yes	" " "
Rabbi C. Mantinband (Miss.) ✓	Yes	" " "
W. H. Perry (Kentucky) ✓	Yes	
Harry V. Richardson (Ga.)	Yes	
Mrs. E. U. Robinson (Tenn.)	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
Charles A. Shaw (Texas) ✓	Yes	" " "
Very Rev. M. Shean (S.C.) ✓	Yes	
H. C. Trenholm (Ala.) ✓	Yes	
M. A. Wright ✓	Yes	Tuesday, Nov. 8
J. H. Wheeler (N. C.) ✓	Yes	" " "
Miss Josephine Wilkins (Ga.) ✓	Yes	" " "
Clarence Robinson (Tenn.) Proxy	Yes	
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B. R. Brazeal (Ga.) ✓	Yes	Wednesday, Nov. 9
Rev. Judson Jackson (Ga.) Proxy	Yes	

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Annual Meeting

November 9, 1955 Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Mr. Marion A. Wright, President, Presiding

AGENDA

Invocation

Welcome

Remarks by President Wright

Report of Executive Committee -- Mr. Clement, Chairman

Action upon Report

Report of Executive Director

Discussion of Program

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Finance Report --- Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander
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Action on Proposed By-Law Changes - Mr. Clement

Report of Nominating Committee - Father Shean

Elections

Other Business

Adjournment

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Report of Nominating Committee to Board of Directors in Meeting at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama on November 9, 1955.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Council, the Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8, 1955 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present at the meeting were Father Maurice V. Shean (served as chairman); Mr. Benjamin E. Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Mr. George Mitchell served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee having been apprised of vacancies on the board; list of officers; and other committees due to resignations and graduation agreed on the following nominations:

(* Indicates nominations for re-election)

Members of the Board

Alabama

* Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. Wm Kaufman, Mobile
Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute

Arkansas

* Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock
Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock

Florida

* Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach

Georgia

* Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
* Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
* Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta
Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta
Mr. Leonard Hass, Atlanta

Kentucky

Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville

Louisiana

* Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans
Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans

Mississippi

* The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Brunini, Jackson

North Carolina

* Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
* The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte

Oklahoma

Mr. James Stewart

South Carolina

* The Very Rev. M. V. Shean, Rock Hill
Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville

Tennessee

* Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
* Dr. Chas. S. Johnson, Nashville
* Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas

* Mrs. J. M. Rayzor, Houston
* Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston

Virginia

Mr. Frank Price, Lexington

Alternates for Board (All New)

Alabama

Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham
Mr. York Wilburn, Tuscaloosa

Arkansas

Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs

Kentucky

Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Louisiana

Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard

Mississippi

Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson

North Carolina

Mr. Julian Price, Greensboro
Dr. Raymond Wheeler

South Carolina

Mr. W. E. Solomon, Columbia
Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia

Virginia

Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington

Officers (* Indicates nominations for re-election)

* President	-------	Marion A. Wright
Vice-President	-------	Paul D. Williams
* Vice-President	-------	Gordon B. Hancock
* Vice-President	-------	Albert W. Dent
* Vice-President	-------	Carter Wesley
Counsel	-------	Vacancy, to be filled ad-interim by Executive Committee

Executive Committee (*Indicates nominations for re-elections)

Chairman	-------	* Rufus E. Clement
		J. M. Dabbs
		* Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
		* Paul Christopher
		* John A. Griffin
		* Harry V. Richardson
		* Maurice V. Shean
		* Miss Josephine Wilkins
		E. A. McDowell
		and above officers

Nominating Committee (All New)

I. H. Burney
Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

(Elected by Executive Committee in Meeting October 28-29,1955)

Carroll Brooke, Virginia
B. R. Brazeal, Georgia

11/9/55

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY STATES

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ALABAMA
1. Mrs. Myra J. Bryant (2), 431 12th Terrace, Birmingham
2. Luther H. Foster (2), Tuskegee Institute
3. C.G. Gomillion (2), Tuskegee Institute
4. Duncan Hunter #, Alexander City
5. H.C. Trenholm %, Alabama State College, Montgomery
6. York Willbern (2), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

ARKANSAS
1. Mrs. L.C. Bates %, 1804 Bishop Street, Little Rock
2. Mrs. W.F. Bates (2), 125 Atkins Street, North Little Rock
3. Ulysses F. Bond (1), Madison
4. Fred Darragh #, 1401 East 6th Street, Little Rock
5. M. Lafayette Harris (2), Philander Smith College, Little Rock
6. Mrs. E.M. Sparling (2), 222 Thompson Building, Hot Springs

FLORIDA
1. I.H. Burney (1), P.O. Box 660, Jacksonville
2. Herbert M. Davidson (2), Daytona Beach News Journal, Daytona Beach
3. Caxton Doggett #, 376 N.E. 90th Street, Miami
4. A.L. Kidd %, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee
5. Hollis Rinehart (1), Ingraham Building, Miami

GEORGIA
1. B.R. Brazeal %, Morehouse College, Atlanta
2. G.E. Clary #, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E., Atlanta
3. R.E. Clement (1), Atlanta University, Atlanta
4. John A. Griffin (2), Emory University
5. ~~Leonard Haas (2), Suite 601, Haas-Howell Building, Atlanta~~ Haas, Joseph - 1116 First Nat'l Bank Bldg. Atl.
6. Philip Hammer (1), 70 Fairlie Street, Atlanta
7. B.E. Mays (1), Morehouse College, Atlanta
8. L.D. Milton (1), Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta
9. J.M. Richards (2), Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur
10. H.V. Richardson (2), Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta
11. Miss Josephine Wilkins (1), c/o Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta (Athens, Ga - married "Jerome Jerrard")

KENTUCKY
1. Olof Anderson %, 4213 Church Way, Louisville
2. R.B. Atwood (1), Kentucky State College, Frankfort
3. Rt. Rev. C. Clingman (1), 421 South Second Street, Louisville
4. W.H. Perry #, 2320 West Chestnut Street, Louisville

LOUISIANA
1. A.W. Dent *, Dillard University, New Orleans
2. John McCann (1), 231 Baronne Street, New Orleans
3. Numa J. Rousseve %, 4636 Willow Street, New Orleans
4. Mrs. Elsie Whitman Rowland #, 203 Woolsey Building, Lake Charles
5. Miss Florence Sytz (2), Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans

MISSISSIPPI
1. Rt. Rev. Mgr. Joseph B. Brunini (2), 123 North West Street, Jackson
2. Hodding Carter (1), Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville
3. A.L. Johnson %, Prentiss N & I Institute, Prentiss
4. Mrs. W.H. Ratliff #, Sherard
5. J.L. Reddix (1), Jackson College, Jackson

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NORTH CAROLINA

1. Harry L. Golden (2), 1229 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte
2. Guy B. Johnson (1), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
3. John R. Larkins %, Board of Charities and Social Welfare, Raleigh
4. E.A. McDowell (2), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest
5. Rt. Rev. E.A. Penick (2), 802 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh
6. R.D. Wellons #, Pembroke College, Pembroke
7. John H. Wheeler (1), Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham
8. Marion A. Wright *, Top Knot, Linville Falls (mailed to Hotel Taft in N.Y.)

OKLAHOMA

1. James E. Stewart (2), 548 N.E. 4th Street, Oklahoma City

SOUTH CAROLINA

1. J.M. Dabbs, Mayesville
2. J. Claude Evans #, P.O. Box 867, Columbia
3. Mrs. Marion Paul %, 2324 Washington Street, Columbia
4. Very Rev. M.V. Shean (2), P.O. Box 895, Rock Hill
5. W.E. Solomon (2), 1719 Taylor Street, Columbia 1

TENNESSEE

1. ~~F. Woods Beckman #, 5908 Magazine Road, Knoxville~~ Mrs. Mollie Todd, 2005 Board Ave. Nashville (mailed to home address)
2. Paul R. Christopher (2), 216 Flatiron Building, Knoxville
3. Charles S. Johnson (2), Fisk University, Nashville
4. Dr. Elsie Lewis %, Tennessee A & I University, Nashville
5. Z.A. Looby (1), 419 4th Avenue, North, Nashville
6. Mrs. E.U. Robinson (1), Gallatin
7. Mrs. J. Fount Tillman (2), Lewisburg

TEXAS

1. Mrs. Mamie B. Aycox %, Texas Southern University, Houston
2. Mrs. James B. Crate #, 2410 Inwood Drive, Houston
3. Jerome Crossman (1), 3400 Republic National Bank Building, Dallas
4. S. Thomas Friedman (1), 1110 Bissonet, Houston
5. Mrs. J.N. Rayzor (2), 3207 Groveland Lane, Houston
6. Charles A. Shaw (1), 2206 Dowling, Houston
7. J. Edwin Smith (2), 505 Scanlan Building, Houston
8. Mrs. Tommie Stroud (1), 2524 Old Oaks Drive, Waco
9. Carter Wesley *, Box 3086, Houston

VIRGINIA

1. W.C. Brooke #, Box 208, Staunton
2. J.M. Ellison %, Virginia Union University, Richmond
3. Gordon B. Hancock *, P.O. Box 6056, Richmond
4. A.G. Moron (1), Hampton Institute, Hampton
5. Paul D. Williams (1), 3320 Gloucester Road, Richmond
6. Thomas W. Young (1), Journal and Guide, Norfolk

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* SRC officer
\# Ex-officio
% State representative
(1) Term expires in November 1957
(2) Term expires in November 1959

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

November 9, 1955

FILE COPY

The annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council convened at Dorothy Hall on the campus of Tuskegee Institute, Wednesday, November 9, 1955 at 9:15 a.m. Mr. Marion A. Wright, President, was in the chair. Invocation was given by Rabbi Charles Mantinband of Mississippi.

The following members were present:

Mrs. L. C. Bates
Mrs. W. F. Bates
Mr. F. Woods Beckman
Mrs. C. M. Birnie
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
The Rev. W. C. Brooke
Mr. I. H. Burney
Mrs. James S. Crate
Mr. Fred Darragh
Mr. A. W. Dent
Mr. O. D. Duncan
Mr. J. M. Ellison
Mr. J. Claude Evans
Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Mr. A. L. Johnson
Mr. John R. Larkins
Mr. Clarence Robinson (Proxy for Dr. Elsie Lewis)
Rabbi Charles Mantinband
The Rev. Olaf Anderson (elected in place of Dr. Sanders)
Dr. Cameron McRae (Proxy for R.D.Wellons)
Mr. W. H. Perry
Mr. Clarence Robinson
Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Very Rev. M. V. Shean, C. O.
Mr. H. C. Trenholm
Mr. John H. Wheeler
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Marion A. Wright
Mr. Thomas W. Young

STAFF - Admitted only for parts of the meeting

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Mr. Harold Fleming
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. Fred Routh
Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Mr. G. S. Alexander
Miss Irene Osborne
Mr. Robert Hughes (representing Host State of Alabama)

The Board met briefly in Executive sessions, during which interval Dr. L. H. Foster, President of Tuskegee Institute extended greetings.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors was read. The report was approved with the amendment by Miss Josephine Wilkins that in paragraph 23 approval had been given by the Executive Committee "in principle." The report follows:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met five times since the last annual meeting of the Board. The dates on which the meetings were held were: November 23, 1954; February 17, 1955; May 26, 1955; August 16-18, 1955; and October 28-29, 1955. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. All the rest were held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee's actions are here listed:

1. Charged chairmen of state organizations with the responsibility of employing only loyal Americans, and of signing a form so stating for SRC's permanent files. 11/23/54

2. As empowered by the Board, worded an amendment of SRC's By-Laws, Article V, Section 4, to provide for a Nominating Committee, which, meeting at least 30 days prior to annual meeting, would nominate: a) Members of the Council; b) Officers of the Council; c) Members of the Executive Committee; and d) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee (one of whom is to be a state chairman). The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint at least two more members. 11/23/54

3. Appointed a Program Planning Committee to work closely with the staff in planning program. 11/23/54

4. Carefully reviewed work of the staff and Program Planning Committee. 2/17/55

5. Pledged members present to raise or give $100 each to SRC and invited the rest of the Committee and Board to do likewise. 2/17/55

6. Authorized the release of a "Statement by the Executive Committee, Southern Regional Council" which hailed the progress toward desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties, summarized what was being done in the upper South and Southwest, and deplored lack of progress in the hard core states.

It strongly recommended the creation of local planning committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55. Action completed October 1, 1955.

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meetings for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

23. Approved the staff draft of a manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, drawn for use in the October, 1955 controversy with the Attorney-General of Georgia. 10/28-29/55

24. Proposed for the consideration of the Board of Directors such amendments to the By-Laws as would confine membership on the Board and on the Executive Committee to volunteer (i. e., non-staff) personnel. 10/28-29/55

25. Undertook to draft procedural rules for the meetings of the Executive Committee which would bring in staff personnel on invitation. 10/28-29/55

26. Accepted with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, he having served the Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in this capacity for more than twenty-five years. 10/28-29/55

27. Undertook that in the present fiscal year instead of recommending that Committee and Board members give or get a hundred dollars apiece to the Council a request would be made to these persons to assist the Council directly with such sums as might be practicable. 10/28-29/55

28. Agreed to recommend to the Board the employment of Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer, at a modest increase in salary. 10/28-29/55

29. Selected the Executive Committee's members of the 1956 Nominating Committee. 10/28-29/55

30. Approved an arrangement for asking the chairman of each affiliated state organization to nominate a member from that state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. 10/28-29/55

31. Adopted a proposed schedule of expenditures for the central office totalling $93,080 in the fiscal year 1955-56, subject to quarterly review as to availability of funds, and with the proviso that a complete budget, listing expected income and proposed outgo, be submitted to the Board of Directors November 9, 1955. 10/28-29/55

32. Accepted the resignation of Morris Abram, of Atlanta, from the Executive Committee, expressing the hope that Mr. Abram would remain on the Board. 10/28-29/55.

33. Approved a proposal to employ an Assistant Director for Program to coordinate a program to be operated jointly with state organizations for assistance in program planning. 10/28-29/55

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
(Marion A. Wright)

Our annual meetings offer convenient occasions for glimpses backward and forward. It is heartening to see how far we have come; it is sobering to see how far we have to go. The record of the past may be read with much greater assurance than may the stars which foretell the future. Reasonable men may agree as to history, though you may have noted a few minor differences in Northern and Southern versions of the War Between the States, for example. But in the field of prognostication there will be found an infinite variety of opinion. Certainly, this is inevitable; perhaps it is all to the good. The very fact that there is this diversity of guess on so wide a scale leads only to the view that the future is not a fixed, definite and inflexible thing, but that it is malleable and in human hands to form. Therein lies the incentive to each of us to exert his tiny pressure, to throw his small weight into the scale, to leave his fleeting image upon the form of tomorrow.

I doubt that ten years ago there was within the membership of the Southern Regional Council anyone so gifted with prophecy that he could have foretold that in the year 1955 segregation as a part of the policy of the Southern States would be making its last embattled stand. Our program dealt with the periphery of the segregation issue -- better schools, parks, playgrounds, housing, employment -- generally, fairer treatment -- for a minority group. Certainly, segregation will topple the more easily because Southern people have come to see that, in application to specific situations, it was costly, foolish and, in its results, always unfair, to the minority. We may, I believe, in all modesty, claim to have played at least a minor role in preparing the Southern intelligence and conscience to accept the view that separateness is the natural enemy of equality.

At any rate, such was the Council's conception of its role -- attacking the manifestations, the end results, of segregation rather than attacking segregation itself. That view prevailed until December 12, 1951.

Put a star on that date. It is memorable in the Council's history; it may well be memorable in the history of the South. For on that date the Council adopted a Statement of Policy from which moving document I lift one shining sentence:

> The South of the future, toward which our efforts are directed, is a South. . . where segregation will be recognized as a cruel and needless penalty on the human spirit, and will no longer be imposed.

There, at last, was the frontal attack, without evasion, without apology. "Needless penalty on the human spirit." How prophetic of language of Justice Warren on May 17, 1954: "To separate (school children) from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

It is to the great credit of the Southern Negro and white men and women who composed this Council that four years ago they possessed this degree of boldness and imagination. It is equally to their credit that, as an organization, they had this flexibility of policy. And once again has that flexibility been demonstrated. With the handing down of the Supreme Court's decision, we have adopted the view that, for the immediate future, our natural role is to aid the South to get along with the business of integrating its schools. To that high purpose all else is secondary and subordinate.

While the circumstances of our history and purposes as an organization cast us in that role, there is an extraneous factor which forces the role upon us. We must fill the vacuum. Let me enlarge upon that idea.

Every Southern public official is in duty bound to follow and observe the Court's mandate -- every governor, every attorney general, every school official, every legislator, and all the rest. Let me be quick to say many of them have done so. To them all praise and honor. History will deal kindly with them.

I refer to another and less distinguished group -- vocal, strident, embittered men, determined to keep the past on the throne and regarding the ability to rouse a rabble as fit substitute for character and statesmanship. They control certain states or areas of states. It is their sworn duty to furnish wise leadership in moving with deliberate speed to integrate their schools. In their case there is a leadership vacuum or worse. If there are to be wisdom and honor in approach by such states to solution of the school problem those qualities must be supplied by private citizens and organizations. We may only speak for ourselves. Assuredly, it is our job.

How may we do this?

Those men have power only as they have public opinion behind them. They must, in effect, each day have a vote of confidence from their constituents. While, to some extent, they create public opinion, it is equally true that they are created by public opinion. It is our task to develop that quality and volume of public opinion which will not sustain that kind of appeal.

Let us not gloss over any fact. In certain states, not necessary here to name, they have gone far in stifling any dissent. Clemenceau remarked that "It has always been easy to find men to resist tyranny of

public opinion." Here and there throughout the South the real heroes of this epic struggle emerge, men who brave the dark threat of reprisal or boycott -- an editor at Florence, South Carolina; those who sign their names to letters to the editor; a minister who may be unfrocked by his congregation; those who openly join the NAACP; school patrons in Greensboro who petition for integrated schools with loss of jobs in prospect; church boards who invite members of another race to fill their pulpits; two men in Mississippi who scornfully reject the invitation to leave their communities. It is our business to give to such elect spirits the assurance that they do not stand alone in their hour of crisis.

It may be pointed out that those who now assure the people that white schools may be kept open and Negroes kept out are the same ones, or spiritual legatees of the ones, who assured them that Negroes may be kept from voting in primaries by Boswell amendments, grandfather clauses and the like; that Negroes may be kept off juries, off cars in inter-state commerce and out of law, graduate and undergraduate schools, out of parks, playgrounds and golf courses, and so on. Surely, this record of seductive promise and dismal performance is not calculated to inspire confidence of future grant of power.

As to the stratagems presently under consideration in certain Southern states, it may be pointed out that all have been analyzed by the most competent Southern legal scholarship -- not some Philadelphia lawyer or Mr. Thurgood Marshall, if you please -- and have been found completely vulnerable on naked constitutional grounds. Law journals of South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia -- no doubt there are others -- have flatly declared these petty schemes won't hold water. These law editors aren't running for office. They are concerned only with telling the people the truth.

But perhaps the most powerful argument of all, as expressed by the Florence, South Carolina, editor, is "You can't win." Arrayed against the segregationist are: the full power of the federal government, including the courts; both political parties; the labor unions; all major religious denominations; all responsible legal scholarship and the overwhelming sentiment of three fourths of the nation. Segregation, in George Mitchell's phrase, is curling up at the edges. It was at its high water mark May 17, 1954. Border states and counties have taken, or are taking the step in stride. Even within the so-called resistance states, literate counties and cities recognize their obligation and move with dignity to discharge their duty. Every such advance must bring pause to those long accustomed to respond to the argument "Everybody's doing it" more quickly than to the argument "You ought to do it."

Chattanooga brought down the wrath of Georgia upon its head when that city acted, Attorney General Cook lamenting that Tennessee was no longer the friend of Georgia. Surely, that must have produced gnashing of teeth across the border. I hear they are thinking of spelling Nashville with a G.

So our task is set for us in the arena of public opinion. We are embarked upon a struggle for the empire of men's minds. That we shall win no intelligent person may doubt. How quickly and with what aftermath of bitterness -- there's the rub.

Not only is it true that the evil which men do lives after them; one evil often begets another and a greater evil. Segregation is an evil thing. Any effort to preserve it would be evil. But the effort now being made in some areas of the South employs a method and device even more wicked than segregation itself. It is the method of repression, of boycott, of threat, of intimidation -- the lost job, the withheld credit, the foreclosed mortgage, the warning muttered in the night. For what purpose? To convert one who should stand erect and unafraid in natural and conscious dignity without cringing, fawning, shaken and broken caricature of a man. With what sought-after result? That opinions may wither unuttered in the breast, that dissent may be strangled at birth, that man's struggle through the centuries to achieve and preserve the right to freedom of thought and of speech shall come to an inglorious end in this fifth decade of the Twentieth Century.

The penalties attendant upon segregation fall most heavily upon the Negro. The penalties attendant upon this effort to mute the voices of protest shall fall with icy impartiality upon every man, woman, and child in the South. For no State may survive as a civilized entity -- and it shall not deserve to survive -- if it employs the ancient and primitive weapon of Fear to slay man's right to think and to speak. States have waxed greatly, and men have lived in happy estate, only when with impunity the prevailing opinion may be freely challenged.

It is part of our job to lay these somber truths upon the minds and hearts of Southern people.

We may, perhaps, extract one bit of comfort from the nature of our opposition. When they resort to use of fear they concede their mental bankruptcy. Intimidation is the substitute for logical argument. When it is employed we may be sure that those who employ it know they can make no appeal to reason.

You remember Woodrow Wilson's college debate at Davidson. He was pitted against some hulking football player and was methodically reducing his opponent's arguments to absurdity, when a fan of the football player in the audience shouted this word of advise to Woodrow's opponent: "Call Wilson a liar and turn it into a fight."

I said a moment ago that we are called upon to fill a leadership vacuum. (It may be a bit indelicate to suggest anatomically where that vacuum is, but I believe it is above the neck.) A specific task of that leadership is to prepare plans of integration which may later be submitted to courts for approval, modification or rejection. In some areas that has been done promptly and with wisdom. In others -- well, you read the papers.

Sooner or later these officials will be before the courts. You know what they will say. "The task is difficult and complicated. It must receive much thought. It will take time, say another five years."

I should like to see the Southern Regional Council now, in every federal judicial district, by counties and school districts, encourage local groups to make their own plans of desegregation -- using the best brains of both races and engaging experts for advice on technical points. For the record, as each unit is completed, the plan should be filed with the appropriate school authorities and its adoption urged. The burden would seem thereupon to pass to the authorities to adopt the plan or point out wherein it was deficient. If neither course were followed, there should exist a prima facie case of lack of good faith. That might have some effect when the issue finally came before the court.

Of course, the States would officially and now be following such a course. Where they are not, there exists a leadership vacuum which we may help to fill.

We now have an adequate staff and affiliated organizations in all the states. I hope we may say of every member of all of these staffs that he is receptive to, eager for, new ideas. None of us is sufficiently expert in this uncharted area that he may fail to heed advice from any quarter. It is peculiarly the function of the board to advance suggestions as to policy and methods. I hope that we may have occasion during this meeting to give to the staffs the benefit of our thinking on the problems which beset them.

The most powerful force which any of us could contribute to this cause is an idea. Ideas are the stuff of which all reforms are made.

We should feel complimented by the attacks which are made upon us. If we were futile or ineffective, we should not draw enemy fire. The ground of attack is that we are disturbing an established order, "a way of life," ignoring the fact that the only way of life worth preserving is one in which dissent may be freely expressed, a way of life in which change is the key note.

Two thousand years ago the charge which was brought against Paul and Silas was that they were "turning the world upside down." That is the exact Biblical language. What was meant, of course, was that they were disturbing an established and corrupt order, a way of life which had been kind only to the accusers and those they represented. It is easy to equate one's special and privileged interest with the best interests of all mankind, as seven tailors on one street in London did when they addressed a petition to Parliament beginning "We, the British people."

Surely, we should not complain if we are put in the good company of Paul and Silas.

Rabbi Mantinband praised the remarks of the President for the wisdom and forthrightness in their approach to the purposes of the Council and the problems of the region.

Also Mr. Dent suggested that the remarks be adopted in principle as an expression of the annual meeting. It was so voted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(George S. Mitchell)

The president called for a report from the Executive Director. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Southern Regional Council had requested money from the Fund for the Republic for the principal purpose of setting up twelve state agencies in the field of race relations, and that this had been successfully accomplished. The requirement had been further laid upon the central office that it raise, for its own purposes, independently of the Fund for the Republic in the first eighteen months grant period, $40,000; and the central office had in fact raised $51,000. Plans were afoot, he said, which promised effective further direction to the affiliated state groups in program planning and evaluation.

STAFF MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mr. Mitchell then called upon the principal staff persons present to report in detail on their phases of the work.

Mr. Fred Routh, Assistant Director for State Organizations, described the programs underway in each of the twelve state organizations.

Mr. C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, described the program that was devised in and around the August, 1955 meeting at Atlanta University, calling for the use of special consultants to assist in training in policy counseling with some Board and staff people. It was hoped that the services of Mr. John Hope would be available at an early date to tie together this program. The funds being used for it were a part of the funds remaining unexpended from the 1954-55 allocation to the states.

Miss Irene Osborne, on loan to the Southern Regional Council from the American Friends Service Committee beginning October 1, 1955, described her conferences thus far in Arkansas, Texas and Kentucky, and said that she would, in her remaining work with the SRC, reach similarly the other assisted state groups.

Mr. Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information, discussed the usefulness and methods of newspaper and other informational media in the Council's educational effort; described the distribution of materials underway from the central office; recounted the attacks on the SRC which had appeared November 7th in the Hearst newspaper, the New York Journal-American, and some of the subsequent broadcasts by Mr. Fulton Lewis, Jr., raising the same arguments.

Mr. Robert Hughes, Executive Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, spoke briefly in welcome to the group as an official of the host state agency.

SRC'S ROLE OF ADVICE TO SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES

Some discussion, in which Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie and Mr. Charles A. Shaw played leading roles, took place as to the appropriateness of an SRC role of advice to Southern communities on specifics of public school desegregation. The topic came into focus from the recommendation of the President, Mr. Wright, that the state organizations draw up proposals on school desegregation, appropriate for use in each major federal district court area. The Executive Director gave it as his view that SRC and its affiliates has little call to substitute themselves for the action of local citizens in proposing the degree to which lawful rights would now be implemented.

Mr. O. D. Duncan, of Oklahoma, described the volume of detailed work needful in advising with local school boards.

Discussion turned to the present state of opinion in Mississippi, and certain other deep Southern states. Various members, among them Mr. Brooke, President Wright, and Mrs. C. M. Birnie, raised the point of whether present newspaper and magazine controversy is adequately recognizing the contribution of the Southern Regional Council to on-going group thinking.

After a luncheon adjournment at 12:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 1:45 p.m., all members of the staff being excluded except the Executive Director.

ATTACKS ON SRC

Discussion turned to the strategy of the reply to the attacks being made on the SRC. There being a good deal of sentiment in favor of lawsuits by the individual persons libelled in the Journal-American article, upon motion by Mr. Dent, the President of the Council was authorized to meet in consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and with the Executive Director, to inquire of the Fund for the Republic whether that body would be willing to ask its counsel to give an opinion as to appropriate recourse against Fulton Lewis, Jr., and the Journal-American.

Upon further motion by Mr. John Griffin, the same three persons were requested to explore other courses of action and bring them to the attention of the Executive Committee.

PROPOSAL OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION

The Executive Director described a proposal made to him by Mr. H. L. Mitchell of the National Agricultural Workers Union, American Federation of Labor, for the calling of a conference on strategies to be used in countering the White Citizens Councils. After discusion, and upon motion by Mr. Dent, it was agreed that the Council did not wish the energies and resources of its staff to be diverted from the major policy programs already the responsibility of the staff.

OTHER PROBLEMS

Mr. Wright outlined a proposal that as the United States has funds for use in disaster areas, so a proportion of these funds might be made available in areas where civil rights were being neglected or abused.

Various members took part in a discussion of the White Citizens Councils and of means which might be used to lessen their influence in the South at this juncture.

FINANCE REPORT

At this point, the finance report was called for. Mrs. Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer displayed to members the source of funds raised in the first eighteen months grant period. She said that in the request made in 1955, for instance, of $100 each from members of the Executive Committee and from members of the Board, some twenty-four members had paid the requested amount or an approach to it -- the net income from this source being $2,398.

She reported that the Executive Committee would be asking, in the coming year, that Board members and Committee members give no stated amount, but assist the Council as much as possible.

Mr. G. S. Alexander, lately appointed as Administrative Assistant, read the proposed budget for the fiscal year October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956, as follows:

PROPOSED BUDGET

For Fiscal Year - October 1, 1955—September 30, 1956

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

INCOME:	Actual-18 mos. 4/1/54 to 9/30/55	Adjusted 12 mos.	Estimated 1955-56
Contributions from Individuals, Organizations, Churches, etc.	$ 36,106.30	$ 24,070.91	$ 14,000.00
Dues	1,405.00	936.67	500.00
New South Subscriptions	3,603.63	2,402.42	6,000.00
Sale of Literature	4,981.50	3,321.00	3,000.00
Honoraria	2,527.01	1,684.69	1,000.00
Interest Income	2,577.16	1,718.03	800.00
State Divisions	597.50	398.34	
Fund for the Republic	80,200.00	53,466.67	25,000.00
Unexpended balance in Duke and Field Funds			12,100.00
Surplus 1954-55			2,500.00
Sub Total			$ 64,900.00
Anticipated Revenue from other sources to balance budget			28,180.00
TOTAL	$131,998.10	$ 87,998.73	$ 93,080.00

Estimated expenditures for fiscal year - October 1, 1955 to September 30, 1956, and comparison with actual expenditures for the 12 month period - September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955

EXPENSES:	Actual 1954-55	Proposed 1955-56
Salaries	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Miscellaneous Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

STAFF FORECAST OF INCOME FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956

Received from the Fund for the Republic		$ 25,000.00
Carry-over from Marshall Field Grant, on hand or covenanted		5,250.00
Carry-over from Doris Duke Grant		6,850.00
Cash balance October 1, 1955, over and above current bills		2,500.00
Contributions:		
Church Organizations		
Methodist	$ 3,000.00	
Presbyterian	500.00	
Protestant Episcopal	1,000.00	
Other	500.00	5,000.00
Labor Organizations		
American Federation of Labor	3,000.00	
United Steelworkers	1,000.00	
United Automobile Workers	1,000.00	
International Ladies' Garment Workers'	500.00	
Other	500.00	6,000.00
Small Foundations		1,000.00
Dues of Associate Members		500.00
Sale of Literature		3,000.00
New South Subscriptions - non-state		1,000.00
New South Subscriptions - state		5,000.00
Honoraria		1,000.00
Board and Executive Committee		2,000.00
Interest Income		800.00
Total clearly expectable		$ 64,900.00
Hoped-for contributions		
Further Grant from Doris Duke Foundation		7,000.00
John Hay Whitney Foundation		4,000.00
Other foundation aid		20,000.00
*Contribution to be raised by Finance Committee, net		15,000.00
TOTAL		$110,900.00

*In view of the importance of raising in this second grant period of aid from the Fund for the Republic a goodly sum to enable the Central Office and the Council as a whole to continue through the third grant period it is hoped that a much larger sum can be raised, mainly from contributions within the South.

FUNCTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038,26	$ 45,380.00

* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000.00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

Members of the Council drew attention to the fact that of the $93,000 proposed to be spent, only some $64,000 seemed to be clearly expected. The Executive Director described some of the prospects for closing the gap, but stated that he did not expect the gap could be closed without quite substantial assistance from the Finance Committee of the Board. He said steps were underway, in consultation with the state organizations, for creating such a Committee. It was further suggested that in the present fiscal year, it should be the duty of such a Finance Committee to raise not a sum on the order of $15,000, but a sume on the order of $100,000, as during the fiscal year 1956-57 there was every reason to suppose that the Council would face extra difficulty in raising funds.

After further discussion, the budget was approved.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The Executive Committee recommended to the Board certain changes in the by-laws, to establish the right of the Executive Committee and Board to meet in the absence of staff personnel; these were taken up.

Article II, Section 1, was amended to read: The president, the vice-presidents, the counsel, and the treasurer shall also be ex-officio members.

Article V, Section 1, was amended to read: The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel. The Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and may be discharged and the Committee abolished at any time by the Council. Unless one of the members shall have been designated as chairman by the Council, the Executive Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number. During the intervals between the meetings of the Council the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation, conferred by these by-laws or the charter of the corporation, in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Council. The Executive Committee shall keep full and fair accounts of its transactions. All action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council at its meeting next succeeding such action, and shall be subject to revision and alterations by the Council; provided that no rights of third persons shall be affected by any such revision or alteration. Vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Council.

Upon motion the proposed amendments were unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Wright called for a report of the Nominating Committee. The report was read by the Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O., of South Carolina, as follows:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Council, the Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8, 1955, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present at the meeting were Father Maurice V. Shean (served as chairman); Mr. Benjamin E. Mays, and Mr. Philip Hammer. Mr. George Mitchell served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee having been apprised of vacancies on the board; list of officers; and other committees due to resignations and graduation, agreed on the following nominations:

Members of the Board

Alabama
*Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Mr. William Kaufman, Mobile
Dr. L. H. Foster, Tuskegee Institute

Arkansas
*Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock
Mr. M. Lafayette Harris, Little Rock

Florida
*Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach

Georgia
*Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
*Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
*Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta
Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Atlanta
Mrs. Robert McDougall, Atlanta
Mr. Leonard Haas, Atlanta

Kentucky
Mrs. William Heuser, Louisville

Louisiana
*Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans
Mr. Monte Lemann, New Orleans

Mississippi
*The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Brunini, Jackson

North Carolina
*Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
* The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, Raleigh
Mr. Harry L. Golden, Charlotte

Oklahoma
Mr. James Stewart

South Carolina
*The Very Rev. M. V. Shean, Rock Hill
Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville

Tennessee
*Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
*Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
*Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas
*Mrs. J. N. Rayzor, Houston
*Mr. J. Edwin Smith, Houston

Virginia
Mr. Frank Price, Lexington

*Nominations for re-election

Alternates for Board (all new)

Alabama
Mrs. Myra Jones Bryant, Birmingham
Mr. York Wilburn, Tuscaloosa

Arkansas
Mrs. E. J. Sparling, Hot Springs

Kentucky
Mr. Mark Etheridge, Louisville

Louisiana
Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard

Mississippi
Mr. Purser Hewitt, Jackson

North Carolina
Mr. Julian Price, Greensboro
Dr. Raymond Wheeler

South Carolina
Mr. W. E. Solomon, Columbia
Mr. Chester E. Travelstead, Columbia

Virginia
Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins, Arlington

Officers

*President - Marion A. Wright
Vice-President - Paul D. Williams
*Vice-President - Gordon B. Hancock
*Vice-President - Albert W. Dent
*Vice-President - Carter Wesley
Counsel - Vacancy to be filled ad-interim by Executive Com.

Executive Committee

*Rufus E. Clement - Chairman
J. M. Dabbs
*Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
*Paul Christopher
*John A. Griffin
*Harry V. Richardson
*Maurice V. Shean
*Miss Josephine Wilkins
E. A. McDowell
(plus officers)

*Nominations for re-election

Nominating Committee (all new)

I. H. Burney
Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson

Elected by Executive Committee in Meeti
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Carroll Brooke, Virginia
B. R. Brazeal, Georgia

Mr. Leonard Haas was nominated from the floor for the office of Counsel. Upon motion, the nominees named were unanimously elected.

The Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer having withdrawn, the Council proceeded to its duty under the by-laws to determine whether the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer would be confirmed for the ensuing year. On motion these two officials were reelected for one year, they being George S. Mitchell, Executive Director, and Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Miss Josephine Wilkins, the staff was directed to submit to the Executive Committee, at an early meeting, not later than the April meeting, proposals for the continued existence of the Council after the expiration of the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

Mrs. Birnie proposed for discussion a possible resolution from the Council condemning economic pressure as exercised by the White Citizens Councils. After discussion in which many members took part, and the motion was withdrawn, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Call Dorothy Hall

SRC ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, NOV. 9, 1955

Nov. 8 Monday, Nov. 7th

Mrs. L. C. Bates	Yes	~~Tuesday~~ Night Nov. 8 Tuesday " Montgomery
Mr. B. R. Brazeal	Yes	(reservations for overnight at Dorothy Hall) Wed. Nov. 9
Mr. Hugh A. Brimm	Yes	
Mr. W. Carroll Brooke	Yes	(Reservations for overnight at Dorothy Hall) Tues. Nov. 8
Mr. I. H. Burney	Yes	
Mr. Rufus E. Clement	Yes	
Mrs. James S. Crate	Yes	(Reservations for overnight at Dorothy Hall) Tues. Nov. 8
Mr. A. W. Dent	Yes	
Rev. Albert D'Orlando	Yes	
Mr. J. Claude Evans	Yes	(Reservations for overnight at Dorothy Hall) Tues. Nov. 8
Mr. Charles Gomillion	Yes	
Mr. Gordon Hancock	Yes	
Mr. Duncan Hunter	Yes	
Mr. A. L. Johnson	Yes	~~Tuesday~~ Nov 8, Dorothy Hall
Mr. J. R. Larkins	Yes	Nov. 8
Rabbi C. Mantinband	Yes	(Thinks he'll spend the night in Montgomery) Tuesday, Dorothy Hall
Mr. Harry V. Richardson	Yes	
Mr. Charles A. Shaw	Yes	(Reservations for overnight at Dorothy Hall)
Very Rev. M. V. Shean	Yes	
Mr. H. C. Trenholm	Yes	
Mr. M. A. Wright	Yes	Nov. 8

Fred Beckman yes
Mr. C. M. Burns WA0690 yes reservations
J. M. Ellison yes
J. N. Wheeler yes, reservation Nov. 8.
25 Wilkins yes. " " "
Thomas Young yes.
Fred
Harold "
G. S. Alexander
R. N. Alexander

January 20, 1956

FORCES OF PROGRESS

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Frederick B. Routh

The South, sometimes called the well spring of democracy, is experiencing more than a trickle, less than a flood tide of that precious fluid; either in-spite of itself or because of itself the region is being channelled into the main stream of American life. There are obstacles to the progress which cannot be ignored but the buoys and markers of that progress are evident. The good pilot knows the tides and the channel markings.

THE CHURCHES speak for Integration. The three great Faiths of America, through their organizational institutions, have all advocated compliance with the law of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court. Every major Protestant de-nomination in the South has spoken out commending the decisions. The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in June 1954, said in part: "We recognize the fact that this Supreme Court decision is in harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens, and with the Christian principles of equal justice and love for all men." The North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church said, "We believe our people should face the practical phases of this de-cision with the courage, poise and maturity of law-abiding citizens." The Pres-byterian Church, US (Southern) proclaimed, "That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian theology and ethics..." The Church Women of the South are again play-ing the role of shock troops for Social Justice. How different is this from the period just prior to the Civil War when the clergy of the South, with some excep-tions, not only condoned but indeed commended the institution of slavery as "God-ordained."

The FEDERAL GOVERNMENT speaks for Integration. The arbiter of the law in the American system of government is the Supreme Court of the United States. In two historic decisions, May 17th, 1954, and May 31st, 1955 it declared segregation

in the public schools on the basis of race unconstitutional. The District and Circuit Courts have been instructed to carry out these decisions as cases in equity. It is helpful here to recall an important rule in equity proceedings, "That which you are prohibited from doing directly you may not do indirectly." The full weight of the judicial power of the federal government stands irrevocably on the side of integration.

The Executive branch of the Federal Government has been explicit in its demands for equality of citizenship of all its people. Executive orders have all but ended segregation in the Armed Forces of the nation. Efforts are being made to secure off-base recreation centers for the men on a nonsegregated basis. The President's Committee on Government Contracts is not without dentures. It seeks to end discrimination in hiring, firing, and up-grading personnel employed by firms who have contracts with the Federal Government. The President of the United States in his State of the Union Message of 1956 said in part, "It is disturbing that in some localities allegations persist that Negro citizens are being deprived of their right to vote and are likewise being subjected to unwarranted economic pressures. I recommend that the substance of these charges be thoroughly examined..." The two avowed candidates for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency have spoken on this issue too. Mr. Stevenson said in a press interview, "The decisions of the Supreme Court are the law of the land and the matter of the desegregation of the schools has been removed from the political arena and disposed of by the judiciary." Mr. Kefauver has said, "The Supreme Court was unanimous in its opinion against forced segregation in public schools, It is a local problem that must be worked out with time and patience...it is the law of the land." The Vice President of the United States held a conference with leading industrialists to secure their cooperation in employment by merit.

The United States Department of State has recognized the international implications of the rulings. Numerous spokesmen for the Department have proclaimed

that the decisions are the best answer to Communist charges that the United States is only a white man's democracy.

Organized LABOR is on the side of integration. Both the CIO and the AF of L were on record as commending the Supreme Court decisions. The recent merger of organized labor has strengthened the hand of labor. The Atlanta Journal of Nov. 10 reported that George Meany had said that hundreds of thousands of persons are denied essential human rights because of their color; he termed it a matter of national shame. Segregation is incompatible with an industrial society; Emile Rieve, president of the Textile Workers of America said in Charlotte, N.C.on November 11th that the merger would have a strong effect in the sections of the country where organized labor is the weakest and cited the South and Southern textile industries as such an area. Segregation, though disappearing slowly, is disappearing from union locals in compliance with the charters of the Internationals to which they belong.

THE MASS MEDIA OF COMMUNICATIONS on the National level is having a profound influence on the mind of the South. The national magazines have had a series of articles on the Supreme Court decisions, on the Negro in American Life, on school desegregation and on the practices of racism in the South. Life reported on integration in Hoxie, Arkansas which produced local problems but drew the nation's attention to the problem. Because this was a "national" problem increased interest was taken in seeing the case through. Collier's ran two articles by Allan Paton famed author of Cry the Beloved Country, on the Negro in the South and the North. The Saturday Evening Post carried an article by Hodding Carter, SRC Board member. Look recently featured an exposé on the infamous Till case. The national press, particularly the New York Times has kept news about developments in the South, both good and bad, before the American people. Even now a star-reporter task force from the New York Times is in the South to get the story. Note that no mention is made of the Hearst Press.

One of the newer media, television, has been playing a subtle role in conditioning the people of the South to the acceptance of Negroes in other than domestic roles. Mr. Talmadge, while Governor of this state, felt called upon to denounce the appearance of the "Mariners" on the Arthur Godfrey show. Other documentary shows such as "Medical Horizons" have presented Negroes, without comment, in status roles.

Motion pictures such as "Pinky", "Intruders In the Dust", "Lost Boundries" and "Trial" have all played their subtle, and sometimes not so subtle part on the side of democracy.

For many years novels dealing with the racial problems of the Southern Region have been best sellers. More recently technical books, such as The Negro and the Schools, Schools in Transition, The Strange Career of Jim Crow, and others have appeared. The mind of America is being educated, the conscience of America is being sensitized.

THE STATES of the South may be placed on a continuum from desegregating, through waiting, to hard core; in rank order of progress toward desegregation they would read: Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, and Mississippi. This does not include, you will note, those border and western states which have made twenty-league strides toward compliance: Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. Nor the District of Columbia, which has special significance as the Capitol of the nation. Three states of the Old South, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Texas have begun to desegregate their schools. The process of desegregation is in progress. In three states of the Old South the state Supreme Courts have declared that State Constitutional provisions and Legislative acts and statutes which provide for segregation of the races in the public schools are unconstitutional. These three are Florida, Tennessee, and Texas.

No sooner did the people of Virginia vote for the So-called "Gray ammendment" than the superintendent of schools in Arlington announced plans to desegregate next Fall. In North Carolina there is evidence that some school districts in the Western part of the state will revolt against the pressures of the State Board of Education to maintain segregation. Anderson County, Tenn. has been ordered by a Federal Court to integrate its schools next Fall; the Governor of Tennessee has refused to call a special session of the legislature at the request of the pro-segregationists.

In all but the hard core states of Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi there is evidence that the walls of segregation are not only showing signs of weakness but are beginning to crumble. Even in the hard core states one may catch glimpses of new vistas of freedom through the breached walls of segregation. In Alabama the University has been ordered to admit qualified Negro students to the graduate and professional schools; In Georgia the City of Atlanta, under court order, has admitted Negroes to the golf courses; in Louisiana the Arch-Bishop has declared his stand for integration, Parochial schools plan desegregating next fall, and the graduate schools of LSU have admitted Negro students. It must not be forgotten that Claredon County is in South Carolina. Mississippi alone seems without a candle in the darkness, yet, even there the newly elected Governor, Mr. Coleman has denounced as foolhardy any attempts at nullification. Secession is not a part of the thinking of the governor of even the most hard core state.

DETERMINATION OF THE NEGRO COMMUNITY: The Negro community of the South in 1956 is grimly determined, with dignity and firmness, to see this thing through. The NAACP has won the court battles, the Negro people do not intend to lose the war. In Orangeburg, S. C. when the whites brought economic reprisals against Negro citizens who had signed petitions to admit their children to the public schools on

a non-segregated basis, the Negro community organized an effective boycott of white firms involved. In Montgomery, Alabama the story of the bus-boycott is well known. In Mississippi a group of Negro leaders publicly repudiated the claim of then-governor Hugh White that Mississippi Negroes favored a continuation of Segregation. Contributions to the NAACP have greatly swelled in recent months in all southern states.

HUMAN RELATIONS AGENCIES are at work in the South. We have already mentioned the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People; in the best of American tradition it has gone to the courts to seek redress of grievances, and by so doing has won a victory for all citizens. It remains alert, militant, and determined. It is an asset whose value cannot be overestimated. The Southern Regional Council with its twelve state affiliated organizations is a movement of considerable force; modesty prevents us from further consideration at this time. The American Friends Service Committee has been working on an employment by merit project which has enjoyed considerable results in Texas and is spreading to other areas. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has made the Jewish community of the South aware of the need for action in race relations. The American Jewish Committee has two offices in the South, both active in this field. The National Conference of Christians and Jews has recognized a responsibility in this area and sponsored numerous workshops dealing with desegregation in the South this past summer. More are planned this coming summer. The Urban League with its southern branches has been active in assisting the Negro community in employment, housing, and civil rights.

Now the basic question which we must ask is: What does all this mean to us, to the South, to the Nation and to the future?

Sociologists who have worked in this field say that the determinants of progress are: 1) the degree of urbanization, industrialization, and unionization;

2) the percentage of Negro population in a given community; 3) the law and enforcement of the law; 4) the human relations resources of a community; and 5) the determination of the Negro community.

It would seem that the long range forces are working for integration; that, in some areas and only some areas of the South, the short range forces, which may for the moment seem almost overwhelming, are arrayed against progress. It should be remembered that time and tide wait for no man and they they are swept up in a tide which, though they battle mightily, will carry them along with it. That is the future though the shore may be distant in Mississippi.

It would seem then that the program of the Southern Regional Council must primarily be aligned with the long range forces; only secondarily engaged in fire fighting or local skirmishes. The battle-wise strategist does not seek to meet the enemy on their terms but rather on the terms most favorable to his own side. So it must be with us. In some areas we must fight a defensive action, a holding action, if you will; in other areas we must openly take the offensive. The hard core is not going to bow before the weight of persuasion until the people are faced with some hard choices between giving up segregation and the tragic alternatives. They face an agonizing reappraisal sometime in the future. In this area ours is a task of holding the line and of exposing with the light of the national press what the opposition is up to, and at the same time maintaining a bridgehead of integrated groups meeting together quietly in equal dignity to prepare for the day when actual desegregation of the schools can be worked upon.

In the so-called waiting states it should be the responsibility of our state groups to assist those communities which wish to move ahead of their state governments in the process of desegregation. We might help stiffen the backbones of some superintendents and community people to break the economic and political chains with which the state government has sought to bind them. We can help get community support for desegregation in much of the Mountain and Piedmont South.

In areas that are in the process of desegregation we can offer aid and assistance to school and community people involved in the process.

The program of the SRC must be sufficiently flexible to work in all three areas; and to work in a significant way. Our information program must be stepped up; our state organizations must be made more effective; our new professional consultant program must be fully utilized. We should feel no claim to fame but only seek to serve. Each of us here is dedicated to an integrated, democratic society; to help bring it about we must dedicate our very best thinking, our most serious effort, and the deep convictions of our hearts and souls.

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January 20, 1956

THE SOUTHERN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT
AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SRC

By Harold Fleming

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Resistance Groups

The January 1956 issue of Southern School News reports a total of 44 "opposition" groups, "large and small, more or less active in 15 states." At least a dozen of these may be classed as major movements, the most important being the White Citizens Councils (WCC) which claims a membership of 60,000 in Mississippi alone. Although these groups operate under various names from state to state, there is evidence of close coordination among them. The WCC monthly publication announced in its first issue (Oct. 1955) that copies would be received by all members of some seven other segregation groups. Moreover, the so-called Federation for Constitutional Government, which recently held a widely publicized meeting in Memphis, includes on its board representatives of the major resistance groups. Its avowed purpose is to "coordinate" the work of the WCC, States Rights Councils, etc.

The stated objectives of the Federation are patently political and economic; its platform calls for the promotion of measures which would limit the progressive income tax, curtail the President's treaty-making powers, secure "conservative" nominees for president and vice-president, and so on. Among its leadership are such well-known figures as Strom Thurmond, Fielding Wright, James Eastland, and Herman Talmadge. It is clear that this is the new manifestation of the Dixiecrat movement, seeking to enlist a large bloc of voters through appeals to racial fears and prejudices. This is significant for two reasons: (1) It means we are not up against mere wrong-headed "idealism" and emotionalism, but against a calculating leadership motivated by economic and political self-interest. (2) It means that the Southern resistance movement can draw heavy financial support from certain

nation-wide economic interests and form alliances with national right-wing groups.

Economic Pressure

The WCC et al. have quite naturally relied on the methods of intimidation and pressure that have served for generations to enforce the submission of Negroes in the Black Belt. Economic measures against Negroes who assert their rights are widespread particularly in Mississippi and South Carolina. Dozens of examples may be found in published reports in the files of SRC; there is no way to measure the full extent of such incidents which have gone unpublicized -- or the intimidating effect on Negroes who might otherwise have sought to exercise their full rights.

Violence

The resistance groups declare themselves strongly against violence, but their hate-mongering and intimidation lead inexorably to it. Negroes who refuse to yield to economic and social pressures are logical victims -- as the several recent slayings in Mississippi illustrate. The hatred that is being generated by segregation groups and demagogic politicians may well lead to outbursts of violence on a catastrophic scale.

Demagogy

Since the May 1954 decision, the extreme pro-segregationists have extended their hold on Southern state governments. The lopsided apportionment of state legislatures -- giving vastly disproportionate power to the Black Belt areas -- is one important factor here. The private resistance groups merge almost indistinguishably with public officialdom in Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana; virtually every powerful political figure in Georgia, for example, from the governor on down, is associated

with the States Rights Council. In Alabama, only the fortuitous influence of Folsom bars the racists from complete control of the state machinery. The resistance of these states was expected -- though the virulence of it has exceeded some expectations. However, an unexpected and serious blow was the capitulation of official leadership in North Carolina and Virginia.

Through their dominance of the state machinery, the segregationists wield enormous power. They can exert formidable pressure on the press, business and industrial interests, educators, and even religious leaders -- all of whom depend, to some extent, on the good will of the state. They can take official measures to penalize and stigmatize those who persist in advocating a moderate or liberal course. They can coerce local school authorities not only through statutory means, but also through their control of state educational funds. In short, they can put all the resources of their respective states into the effort to preserve segregation and stamp out dissenting opinion.

Public Opinion

In the South, the opposition has an automatic advantage in the fact that its spokesmen include leading public officials and other status figures; these men's frequent statements, however inane, are inevitably seen as newsworthy. On the other hand, influential individuals of more moderate or liberal views are largely silenced.

On the whole, the Southern press has moved to the right on the segregation question during the period since the 1954 decision. A few good papers -- like the Chattanooga Times the Norfolk Virginian Pilot and the Roanoke Times -- have maintained their liberal editorial policies. Others -- like those in Winston-Salem and Asheville appear to have regressed somewhat. Still others -- like the Atlanta newspapers -- have retreated to an overtly

pro-segregation position. Finally, a number of the conservative, influential dailies are waging an all-out campaign against integration; in this group are the Charleston News and Courier, the Richmond News Leader, the Arkansas Democrat, the Chattanooga News-Free Press, and the Savannah Morning News. Almost all of the dailies in Mississippi, led by the rabid Jackson Daily News, are mouthpieces for the White Citizens Councils.

The "public relations" of the opposition groups have been greatly enhanced by the fact that they have attracted people of undoubted influence and community status into their leadership. We may characterize this leadership as morally disreputable, but the fact remains that, in the local view, many of the segregation leaders are among the "best people."

Nationally, the press and other public media are predominately anti-segregation; but Southern propaganda has made some inroads even there. John Temple Graves recently wrote: "Among national publications and publicists presently inclined or leaning to the South are the United States News, the Saturday Evening Post, Newsweek, and Dorothy Thompson." Subsequently, the Virginia referendum has prompted the Wall Street Journal to suggest the possibility that the Supreme Court decision was a mistake and cannot be enforced. The Southern courtship of conservative economic interests in the North may lead to further defections among national publications.

Financial Support

There is no way at present of achieving a specific estimate of the money available to the opposition. But we can safely say that it runs into the millions.

Let us consider first private sources. The White Citizens Councils and several of the other segregation groups have been able to rally impressive mass memberships at $3.00 to $5.00 a head. In addition, they

undoubtedly have "angels" in the persons of those wealthy conservatives who support their Dixiecrat political objectives. To these private efforts must be added the demagogic campaigns of office-seekers in the pro-segregation states. In order to attain their political objectives, these professional Negrophobes spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on racist propaganda. For example, a gubernatorial campaign in Georgia is estimated to cost each major candidate approximately $250,000; and in the last race, all of the major candidates were trying to outdo each other in advocating segregation. The same is true, of course, of other deep South states. Free television and radio time made available to candidates and office-holders add to the total. More is spent on this type of propaganda for one primary election in one state than the SRC's budget for three years.

Private expenditures are only a part of the story. The resisting states are spending large amounts of tax money to finance state study commissions, to draft legislation, and to carry on litigation in defense of segregation. Louisiana has established a $100,000 state fund for the purpose of fighting desegregation. Georgia's attorney general has announced the employment of two full-time assistants for this purpose; according to the press, he "simultaneously invited county officials faced with integration problems to consult him and take advantage of the state's resources before taking action." State funds used for these and similar purposes undoubtedly add up to many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

IMPLICATIONS FOR SRC PROGRAM

The pro-segregation forces have a tremendous advantage on their own ground: (1) control of governmental machinery; (2) influence on opinion-making media and individuals; (3) large financial resources; (4) a mass public opinion long conditioned by rabble-rousing and appeals to race hatred;

(5) conservative white control of the economy; (6) economic dependence and political impotence of Negroes in those areas where they are most numerous.

In the long run, however, the pro-integration assets are even greater. They may be summed up in the statement that all of the major national forces -- religious, cultural, economic, political, and international considerations -- are pressing the direction of integration. Our main efforts should be aimed at bringing these forces to bear more strongly on the South.

These pro-integration forces manifest themselves in the South largely in terms of choices. For example, Atlanta had to decide whether to admit Negroes to its public golf courses, or by closing them to deprive 70,000 white players of facilities and 100 city employees of their jobs. The golf pros and other employees were converted overnight into "liberals" who wanted to make golf-course desegregation work because of the prospect of unemployment if it didn't. In short, they had to choose between their personal prejudices and their livelihoods.

More and more national associations are reluctant to hold their conventions in cities where Negro members would be segregated. Large Southern cities are, increasingly, having to choose between segregation and the revenue and prestige which large conventions bring.

The Sugar Bowl incident was an impressive example of this phenomenon of choice. Many ardent segregationists (e.g., the chairman of the Georgia Board of Regents) wound up fiercely championing Georgia Tech's participation against a "mixed" team before a "mixed" audience. They chose money and fame for Tech over their personal adherence to segregation.

It is my belief that we will desegregate in the South not because a majority of white Southerners come to see desegregation as desirable, but

because they will find the alternatives to it intolerable. Such choices are shaping up in every area of life. Our task is to do what we can to help them develop, to interpret them clearly to Southern opinion-makers. Some illustrative possibilities:

(1) The uncertain status of public schools in the resisting states has adversely affected the marketability and interest rates of school bonds. This should be documented and widely publicized.

(2) The tension and unrest created by Southern defiance of the Supreme Court ruling have doubtless made many industries hesitant about moving South. A story in the Wall Street Journal, say, documenting this point, and dissemination of that information in the South would be of great value.

(3) The segregation leaders preen themselves on their "respectability". Every possible instance of oppression and reprisal should be spotlighted by public media to destroy this myth; also the ulterior political and economic motives of the resistance leaders. This can only result from skilled investigation and fact-finding by local people. Our deep-South state affiliates should develop the system and skills necessary for this kind of exposure.

(4) The segregationist South claims that it is willing to extend to the Negro every constitutional right short of integration. Yet, as we know, Negroes throughout the Black Belt are denied their well established right to vote. The disfranchisement of the Negro is, in fact, one of the chief reasons for the kind of leadership under which the South now suffers.) This would seem a highly propitious time to push the whole question of Negro suffrage. Local registration and voting efforts are probably the business of the NAACP and other Negro organizations. However, a thoroughgoing SRC study of Negro political participation could focus attention on the question. Further, the SRC should expose publicly and/or to the Department of Justice illegal efforts to deprive Negroes of the ballot. Much white sentiment,

though opposed to school integration, would support the right of Negroes to register and vote without hindrance. And, in the more difficult states, this is probably a precondition of integration.

FILE COPY

March 8, 1955

Mr. Albert D'Orlando
First Unitarian Church
1806 Jefferson Avenue
First Unitarian Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. D'Orlando:

You will recall your letter of January 4th on the matter of certifications.

The Executive Committee of SRC, at its meeting February 17, 1955, directed that in cases in which State Chairmen, on grounds of conscience, declined to certify as to the loyalty of their staff personnel, the Executive Director be empowered to sign an appropriate statement as to loyalty.

This seems to me a workable solution to the matter as presented in the case of Louisiana, and in accordance with that decision, I am making the statement as to Mr. Vigo and Mrs. Cates.

We were all concerned to meet as well as might be your scruples so clearly put, but we had also the obligation arising from the action of the Board on November 11, 1954, as subsequently modified, to respect.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo

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Exec committee meeting

March 24, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

You will remember that at the Executive Committee meeting February 17th it was said that each member of the Executive Committee should raise $100, and that the Board members should be urged similarly. See page seven of the enclosed Minutes. I wrote out to the members of the Executive Committee and reminded them of their kind undertaking. I drafted a letter from me to the members of the Board telling the Board of this and asking them to prepare to send in $100 each. Various people on the staff quite rightly said that such a letter to the Board members would come with best grace from you as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Surely that is right.

I pass on to you as raw material for a letter from you to the Board members a slightly altered version of what I had originally drafted for me to send out to the Board members. But I think this draft lacks bite, and we would all be better off with a simple note that you wrote yourself ab initio.

It seems to me no proper part of AU's job to type up all those letters. If you will prepare a sample letter and send the sample to me, and send separately (to save postage) enough stationary to enable us to send the letters out to 77 * Board members, we will type the letters and bring them back to you for signature, and get them out.

I grant you that Marion Wright is an alternate preparer and signer of the letters, but it seems to me that you are the logical one.

For your information, but with no suggestion that your office do all the work, I send a list of the Board members.

Presumably a letter should not go to those Board members who are ex-officio as heads of or are elected by State organizations
GSM

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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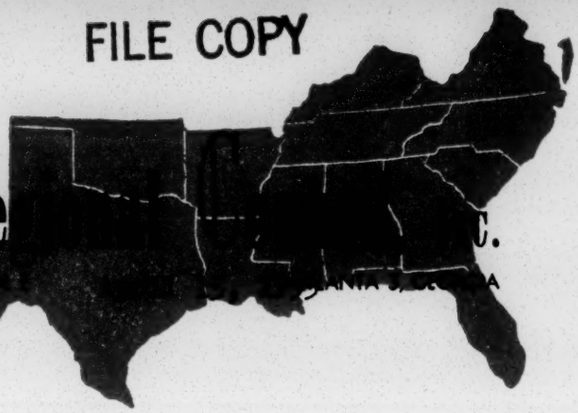

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here is some report for the months of January, February, and March, 1955.

TRAVEL AND SPEECHMAKING

Mrs. Tilly has worked with church women groups in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. And she plans in the coming months to follow up the meeting the church women had by further work with her friends in their own areas.

Mrs. Hamilton represented the Council at a meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House in Washington on March 17th and 18th.

Harold Fleming, among other trips, represented SRC at a planning meeting for the Aaronsburg Assembly in Pennsylvania.

Fred Routh in his rounds as organizational director, has been much called upon for policy advice, public and private.

C. H. Parrish helped with meetings in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and Arkansas.

George Mitchell travelled too much: Two or three times to Richmond in getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations started, and once each to Alabama and Florida for meetings of their Councils; to Detroit to preach at a Congregational church; to Washington for an NAACP Youth Legislative Conference; to Cincinnati for an annual banquet of its Urban League, to Chicago for meetings of school teachers and of the Council Against Discrimination, and for sessions with the chapters there and at Milwaukee of the American Jewish Committee; to Terre Haute to talk at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; to Norfolk for an annual meeting of the Women's Interracial Committee; to Petersburg for a session with the local chapter of the Virginia Teachers Association; a fund-raising stop at a central Indiana city with speechmaking and incidentals; a talk at Miami to the King of Clubs; another at Louisville before a session of the Southern Police Institute; others before church groups in Sylacauga and Alexander City, Alabama. In Atlanta, a classroom talk or two at a local college and an appearance before a Georgia Tech faculty group would complete the list.

CHURCH WOMEN TO ATLANTA

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, in charge of women's work for SRC, invited into Atlanta for a two-day gathering February 24th and 25th, a conference of church women from the Southeast, meeting as the Fellowship of the Concerned.

The meeting was made possible by a grant of $1,000 to the Council from the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

The women who came in included 14 Southern Presbyterians, 19 Methodists, 7 Baptists, 4 Episcopalians, and scattered numbers of various other religious bodies. In all, every denomination in the South was represented, and also Catholic and Jewish faiths. Some came as from the state councils of church women, or as from the National Council of Churches, or from the YWCA. Eight or ten Negro church women were included among the group. A good proportion of the ladies were oppressed by the reluctance of ordinary middle class townspeople in their areas to discuss reasonably compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. But quite a number had arranged local church-sponsored discussion meetings at which the subject had been opened and plans had been made for ultimate compliance. Much of the meeting went into formulating clear, truthful, and reasonable answers to the twisted and fear-laden arguments which the women found current in their communities.

It was a good example of the way in which Southern people, religiously motivated, can plan together to get religion more deeply into the life of the South. Some few of the women will have got less than they hoped for from the meeting; but the great majority were pleased with the opportunity to exchange facts, ideas, and encouragement. By and large the note of the meeting was that quiet effort to bring the truth to the fore would succeed.

ATLANTA OFFICE - SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

We have added to our information staff Mr. John Constable, Jr., who will assist Harold Fleming. Otherwise the central office remains as in our last account.

The Program Planning Committee from the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met periodically during the last several months with various staff members, and most phases of the Council's program have been reviewed and subject to comment and criticism. The Program Planning Committee reported to a meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th. Both the staff and the Executive Committee have found the reviews helpful, and they will continue.

The meeting of the Executive Committee authorized consideration of New Orleans as the place for the next November's annual meeting of the Board of SRC.

Incidentally, the Board has been strengthened in recent months by acceptances of membership on it received from Mr. Hollis Rinehart, an attorney in Miami, Florida; and also, previously unreported, Mr. Philip Hammer, a planning consultant, Atlanta, Georgia.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The February meeting of the Executive Committee bestirred itself about the election of a Finance Committee. In subsequent events, Mr. Morton Weiss of Atlanta agreed to serve as Treasurer of the Council, and a number of people in this and other cities are being officially asked to serve on a Finance Committee. And a couple of leading editors in Southern cities have agreed to get in touch with suitable local citizens and ask them for contributions to the Council. In addition, the members of the Executive Committee undertook contributions of $100 apiece, and the recommendation is being made on behalf of the Executive Committee to all the Board members of the Council to contribute similarly. These are not great moves in themselves, but they indicate a firmer purpose to proceed with the task before us.

COMPANY

Visitors from abroad again. Listed because we are hoping to get some help in the matter of getting them informed.

Akira Iwai, Director, Planning Department, Japan National Railway Workers Union, Yokohama, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Yojiro Kurokawa, President, Central Executive Committee, Japan National Railway, Locomotive Engineers Union, Tokyo Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Manjiro Mokumoto, President, Central Executive Committee, All Japan Express Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Chuzi Koreeda, Chief, Organization Department, Japan Federation of Synthetic Chemical Workers Union, Hokkaido, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Jinsuke Mitsumura, Vice President, All Japan (Postal) Communication Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Gensaku Sugiyama, Chief, Planning Division, Central Executive Committee All Telephone and Telegraph Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. D. Department of Labor.

Michael Adams, England. Journalist, British Broadcasting Corporation.

Clyde Sanger, Guildford, England. Journalist.

Andrew Bonar-Law, Fowey, Cornwall, England. British Army

S. Tas, Paris, France, Journalist.

Nicholas Chatelain, Paris, France. Correspondent for "Le Figaro."

Olaf Radkie, Attorney, Metalworkers Union, Frankfurt, Germany. Sponsored by State Department, Labor Exchange Program.

Werner Meyer, Editor, Fraekische Presse, Baureuth, Germany. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Wilhelm Riepekohl, Neurnberg, Germany. Chief Editor of Fraenkische Tagespost. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Instite.

R. H. Hafferkorn, 9 Eichendorffstrausse, Speyer 1 RHW. Germany, German Foreign Service Officer. Referred by the British Consulate in Atlanta.

Mrs. Hedwig Meermann, Moehringerstrasse 88, Tuttlingen, Germany. Member of State Committee of Social Democratic Women, a free lance journalist, and lecturer at the Tuttlingen Adult Education Center. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Jean Bertrand, Chief, Division of Plans supplementing Social Security, French Department of Labor. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Bernadette Faure, Division Chief of the Association of Metallurgy and Mines. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Michel Cordeviola, Regional Inspector for Enforcement of Social Laws in Agriculture. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Remy Moreau, Chief of the Methods Department of the "Phenix Vie" Insurance Co., 33 rue Lafayette, Paris. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Andre Lienard, Actuary, Chief of the Group Insurance Department and Director of the Benefit Plan of "La Sequanaise" Insurance Company, 4 rue Jules Lefebvre, Paris 7 eme. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

STATES

Here is a rundown on the twelve.

Alabama

Had a good big once-a-year meeting February 8th at Montgomery. Total of 240 people there, and were more widely representative of the state than in any previous such meeting. Elected new officers. Chairman now Reverend Duncan Hunter, First Methodist Church, Alexander City. The Executive Secretary has been keeping a close watch on the Alabama upshoots of the white "Citizens' Councils." Dr. James Pierce, Professor of Sociology at Alabama State College, Montgomery, is serving as "consultant."

Arkansas

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations, after a careful screening of nine candidates, has employed as its Executive Director, effective April 15th, Mr. Nat Griswold, formerly field representative of the American Friends Service Committee, and as its half-time Associate Executive Director, Mr. Christopher Mercer, an attorney. They will open an office at Little Rock.

Florida

The Florida Council for Human Relations in the course of recent meetings has chosen a new set of volunteer officers. The new president is Dr. Paul F. Finner, 930 West Park Street, Tallahassee. Florida is actively seeking staff and should employ it within a short while.

Georgia

Mr. Wells, the Director, has continued to be greatly in demand as a speaker before local civic groups, interracial committees, and school and college assemblies.

Kentucky

The business about using consultants scattered over the state instead of loading their expenditures on to a single central office staff seems to work. The consultants have been doing things in more than twenty counties. The appropriate committee of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations has been working with school officials in the Louisville area and elsewhere on problems of desegregation.

Louisiana

The New Orleans group from the Louisiana Council met March 13th, with convincing evidence of purpose and skill. The problem is to extend the organization over the rest of the state. Apparently the next few months will go mainly into that effort.

Mississippi

Met some weeks in Jackson for their annual gathering. Reelected Rabbi Mantinband of Hattiesburg as chairman. Mrs. M. S. Lyells has been employed as Executive Director. An office has been opened in Jackson. Papers are moving along toward incorporation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations under the Mississippi Statutes.

North Carolina

North Carolina is getting ready for its annual meeting April 26th at Raleigh. Dr. W. H. Brown of North Carolina College (Durham) is serving as "consultant." Trying to get local committees going over the state.

South Carolina

Most of the time has gone into knitting up friendships and understandings with state and local organizations such as AAUW, Leagues of women voters, PTAs, councils of church women, education associations, and school people.

Tennessee

The Council group in this state some weeks ago chose someone to be the principal staff person, but this office did not approve the selection. Partly in consequence, the Tennessee Council is shifting to the Kentucky plan, proposing to use a high-type clerical person in their central office, and the services of consultants widely spaced over the state. That probably fits the Tennessee situation better than the previous plan. It has the additional merit of requiring a sounder degree of preliminary organization before the Tennessee Council on Human Relations launches itself.

Texas

Met at Austin in late February with goodish attendance, drawn from widely scattered parts of the state, and representing religious, labor, education, and community groups. They have asked the Hogg Foundation, which specializes in matters of mental health, to inquire into the relationship of segregation and discrimination to problems of mental well-being.

Virginia

The Virginia Council on Human Relations was launched as an organization at a meeting in Richmond February 22nd. Thirty-some people of considerable distinction and representative of a wide variety of interest in the state had by that date agreed to be members of the small body which the Virginia Council will be. A clergyman at Staunton, Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, was chosen as temporary chairman, and committees were appointed to prepare by-laws, to nominate officers, and to select employed staff.

Dates of Staffing

All of which is to say that in each of twelve states in which we undertook to get going a statewide race relations agency, such an agency has been launched. The dates of their taking on paid staff will be of interest:

Arkansas - April 15, 1955
Alabama - October 1, 1954
Georgia - June 1, 1954
Kentucky - December 1, 1954*
Louisiana - June 1, 1954
Mississippi - January 1, 1955
North Carolina - October 1, 1954
South Carolina - October 1, 1954
Texas - November 1, 1954

*Arbitrary date!

That leaves Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia still unstaffed. Florida has picked its Executive. The others will come along in the next few weeks, and are better left to proceed soundly at their own pace.

Money-raising by the States

The states which got going with paid staff October 1, 1954, are required to raise on their own $1800 before September 30, 1955. Those which began later, smaller goals pro rata month for month.

As of March 31st, here are the approximate figures:

Organization	Goal	Amount Raised
Alabama Council on Human Relations	$1800	$ 811.80
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation	1800	2,513.00
Kentucky Council on Human Relations	1500	182.00
Mississippi Council on Human Relations	1350	243.00
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	1800	970.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	315.00
South Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	1,008.50
Texas Commission on Race Relations	1650	1,100.00*
Tennessee Council on Human Relations	750	--

*Informal report

	Goal	Amount Raised
Arkansas Council on Human Relations	$ 825	--
Florida Council on Human Relations	750	--
Virginia Council on Human Relations	750	--

The four states which have raised nothing had not on March 31st employed staff.

For most of the states, considering that these first months have gone mainly into building their organizational lines, the results so far are encouraging and promise success in the matter of raising the amounts required in this first period of SRC aid. We do not by any means judge the program usefulness of a state council by its success in raising funds, but it is a matter to which we are required to be attentive.

CENTRAL OFFICE FINANCES

Miss Stoney's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, is attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

May 20, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Thanks for your letter about the Board meeting in New Orleans. I will write and let you know what happened when the Executive Committee meeting next week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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May 18, 1955

Dr. George S.Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MAY 19 1955

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Please forgive my absent-mindedness as I had forgotten to answer your letter of March 8 concerning the meeting of the SRC board in New Orleans on November 9.

The prospects of the SRC meeting that day in New Orleans are very favorable. There is the possibility of Tulane University, The American Red Cross Building(where the LCHR state meeting was held), and the International House. If the state professional staff also meets the day before and the day after the annual SRC board meeting, I could make arrangements for those two meetings either here at my office or at the same place where the board will meet.

Therefore, this is our confirmation that we will be the host for the SRC board meeting in November.

Sincerely yours,

Milton

Milton C. Vigo
Executive Director

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Executive Com.

June 7, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Having in mind our conversations about housing accommodations for the Board members who would come to a New Orleans meeting, can you write me a letter on what by your present knowledge would be the facilities if we meet (a) at Tulane or (b) at Dillard or Xavier?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ea b
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 22, 1955

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

For some years there have been suggestions that the Southern Regional Council's annual Board meeting be held some place other than Atlanta. Since most of our Board members leave either in Atlanta or close by, we have never felt that we could afford to have the meeting elsewhere because of the expense involved. Last year the same proposal was made and Dr. Mitchell promised to explore possible places.

We would need a place that could take care of our group of around sixty people both for meetings and for living arrangements. I have been asked to write you about the possibility of our getting Dorothy Hall and some place for our conference room (in case there is no such space in Dorothy Hall) for November 9, 1955. The usual procedure is that members come in on the evening before and some of them stay over the night following the meeting which would mean rooms for the nights of Nov. 8th and 9th.

We will appreciate your checking with the manager at Dorothy Hall to see whether we could get accommodations on these dates and if so, making tentative reservations for us.

We have all been delighted at the good work being done by Bob Hughes and the members of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. I'm sure you have given him much support.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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JUL 5 1955

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

July 1, 1955

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Miss Katherine Stoney
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Stoney:

Tuskegee Institute has granted permission for the Southern Regional Council to hold its annual Board of Directors meeting at Tuskegee Institute on November 9, 1955. The group may use the Peabody Room for its business meetings. If more than sixty persons are in attendance, the meetings can be shifted to the auditorium of Trade A Building, which is across the street from Dorothy Hall.

Lodging in Dorothy Hall varies from $2.50 to $6.00 per night. Double rooms with public bath range between $2.50 and $3.00 per night per person. Double rooms withsemi-private bath range between $3.00 and $3.50 per night per person. Double rooms with private bath are $3.50 and $4.00 per night per person. Single rooms with private bath are $5.00 to $6.00 per night per person.

Tuskegee Institute will be very happy for the Southern Regional Council to hold its annual Board meeting on its campus. If further information is desired, please request it. If I can be of any service whatever in helping to make the necessary arrangements, please call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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Copy for 11/9/55 Bd. meeting folder ✓

September 19, 1955

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. & M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

How very nice of the Oklahoma City Friends meeting to put up $5.00. I have written them as enclosed.

Tuskegee Institute is two or three miles from the main line of the Atlanta and West Point Railway (which may somewhere be listed as the Western Railway of Alabama) and which is the principal connector. The station stop on the A&WP Railroad for Tuskegee Institute is Chehaw. From Chehaw, an abundance of taxis fly to Tuskegee Institute.

Tuskegee has comfortable quarters for us at Dorothy Hall on the Campus, and even if train times made you arrive a bit earlier, you would find opportunity for pleasant rest.

It is, of course, possible to reach Tuskegee Institute by bus from Montgomery, in which case you get off at the town of Tuskegee and contrive your way to the Institute campus. Do come; you ought to be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl. - cc ltr.to Mr. Byerly

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

September 22, 1955

FILE COPY

Dear

The 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council will be held Wednesday, November 9, in Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

The meeting begins at 9:15 a.m.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether you will be able to attend this meeting.

Expenses of Board Members and ex-officio Board Members will be paid.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

P. S. Any members wishing to spend a night while attending the meeting at Tuskegee Institute, will be welcome to stay at Dorothy Hall. Please let us know in advance because reservations will have to be made.

I can ✓ ~~cannot~~ ____ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 1955.

Signed [illegible]

I ~~will~~ (will not) be able to attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Sorry.

Signed Mrs. E. H. Robinson

OCT 5 1955

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Signed Maurice Ashmore

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Signed Guy B. Johnson

SEP 30 1955

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Signed Mrs J Fount Tillman

Sorry — Will be at United Church Women's Assembly in Cleveland — as member of their Exec. Com.

SEP 29 1955

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Signed J. McD. Richards

SEP 29 1955

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Signed Benjamin E Mays

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Signed Hodding Carter

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Signed Paul R. Christopher

Not sure yet. Have conflicting appointment. May be able to change.

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Signed Paul R. Christopher

Will make my own hotel reservation if I can attend.

I can ____ cannot ____ be present for the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee on Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 1955.

Signed M. G. Wright

Would appreciate accommodations for Friday night
M. G. W.

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Signed (Mrs.) Tommie B. Stroud

I'm terribly sorry. Will be in Cleveland with Natl. Council of Churches and United Church Women Oct. 31st thru Nov. 10th. T. S.

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Signed R. D. Wellons

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Paul F Turner

Signed _____

Regret that prior commitment makes it impossible to attend.

9304 Park Ave
Tallahassee Florida

9/25/55

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Signed Charles Clingman

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Signed M Birnie
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Signed [illegible]

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Signed Harry S. Richardson

Regret

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Signed Leonard Haas

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HIRE THE HANDICAPPED IT'S GOOD BUSINESS

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Signed Edwin A. Penick

Raleigh, N.C.
Sept. 24. '55

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Signed _____

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Signed _____

Daytona Beach Evening News
DAYTONA BEACH MORNING JOURNAL
The Sunday News-Journal

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Sept. 28, 1955

SEP 29 1955

Miss Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Alexander:

Re your letter of Sept. 22, addressed to Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, and announcing the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Nov. 9, in Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute:

Mr. Davidson is out of the city and is not expected to return to this office until Nov. 1st. I shall call the matter to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Broadhurst

Eva M. Broadhurst
Secretary to
Herbert M. Davidson
Editor

October 4, 1955

Rev. G. Ralph Madson
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
212 North Jefferson Street
Albany, Georgia

Dear Rev. Madson:

I have your letter of October 1, 1955, stating that Rev. G. E. Clary has asked you to serve in his place by attending the Annual SRC Board Meeting in Tuskegee on November 9.

The meeting will adjourn between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ALBANY, GEORGIA

REV. G. RALPH MADSON, RECTOR
OFFICE: 212 N. JEFFERSON ST.

October 1, 1955

Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Ga.

OCT 3 1955

Gentlemen:

The Rev. G. E. Clary has asked me to serve in his place by attending the annual Board Meeting in Tyskegee on the 9th of November. In order that I may make a decision, please tell me at what time the meeting is expected to adjourn.

Sincerely yours,

G R Madson

Between 3:30 & 4 pm.

October 7, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
P. O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

The 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council will be held Wednesday, November 9, in Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

The meeting begins at 9:15 a.m.

Any members wishing to spend a night while attending the meeting at Tuskegee Institute, will be welcome to stay at Dorothy Hall. Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether you will be able to attend this meeting and whether you will want us to make reservations at Dorothy Hall.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

October 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: PHR
GSA
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FILE COPY - Bd. mtg 11/9/55

FROM: GRM

The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, October 8th.

Present: Father Maurice V. Shean, who served as chairman; Mr. Benjamin Mays; and Mr. Philip Hammer. Also present, George Mitchell who served as secretary to the Committee.

The Committee began its work by examining the list of persons whose terms of office on the Board of Directors would expire in 1955.

It was agreed that the Committee would nominate for a second term of office all those who had been thus listed in the memo sent by Fred Routh to members of the Nominating Committee as having their terms of office expire in 1955, with the exception of Morris Abram, resigned, Ralph Barbare, O. D. Duncan, R. O'Hara Lanier, Clyde Milner, L. F. Thomas and A. S. Turnipseed.

This arrangement added seven vacancies to the already known five vacancies among elected members of the Board. Making a total of twelve vacancies.

Toward the filling of these vacancies, they nominated from Alabama: William Kaufman, L. M. Foster. From Arkansas: Lafayette Harris. From Georgia: Robert Snodgrass and Mrs. Robert McDougall. From Kentucky: Mrs. William Heuser. From Louisiana: Monte Lemann. From Mississippi: The Right Rev. Monsignor Brunini. From North Carolina: Harry L. Golden. From South Carolina: J. M. Dabbs. From Virginia: Frank Price. From Oklahoma: James Stewart.

In addition to those names, they nominated as alternates (available to be notified of election if vacancies should still exist after those just listed had been approached): Mrs. M. J. Bryant, York Wilburn, Mrs. H. J. Sparling, Mark Etheridge, Mrs. Jacqueline Leonhard, Purser Hewitt, Julian Price, Raymond Wheeler, Mr. W. E. Solomon, ___ ___ Travelspeed, and Mrs. J. Birdsall Calkins.

The Committee renominated all present officers of the Council, and for the vacancy as vice-president nominated Paul D. Williams of Richmond.

For the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee nominated all present elected members, plus J. M. Dabbs of South Carolina in the room of Morris Abram, resigned.

The Nominating Committee chose as the three new members of next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. H. Burney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson.

cc: Board meeting File (11/9/55)

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Bd. Mtgs.

FILE COPY

October 19, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSM

FROM: GSM

Article V, Section 1, in the first sentence delete the words "and the assistant directors." Change the word "members" to "a member," so that the clause will now read, "The Executive Director shall also be ex-officio a member of the Committee, but without the right to vote."

Notice that under the presently-in-force amended language of Article II, Section 3, the assistant directors remain ex-officio members of the Board.

eab/

October 19, 1955

MEMORANDUM

FILE COPY

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

The amended by-laws, as now in force, contains as Section 4 of Article V, the following language:

" Section 4. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the Joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee, and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee."

The Nominating Committee, which met ten days or so ago, named as next year's Nominating Committee, Mr. I. N. Barney, Mr. Guy Johnson, and Mrs. E. U. Robinson. I much fear me that because the Nominating Committee was inadequately advised, no one of these three persons is an ex-officio member of the Council from an affiliated state organization.

The matter could be repaired for the coming year by seeing to it that the Executive Committee or the President, in making the two appointments which they jointly make, select as one of the appointees an ex-officio member. When you prepare your recommendations to whoever speaks for the Nominating Committee at the Board meeting, have this matter in mind.

Additionally, I suggest that at the time of the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting, October 28th and 29th, you, on your own initiative, infallibly and without forgetting, raise the matter of nominees from the President and the Executive Committee to next year's Committee. When they raise it, they will want to know whom you recommend, so be ready as to names on which you and I have consulted. If this little chore is attended to ahead of time, you are then in a neat position with the Board meeting to say that the President and the Executive Committee have made their joint nominations; that the Nominating Committee recommends the following three additional names; and that, therefore, next year's Nominating Committee, compatible with the by-laws as amended, is available.

An alternative device would be to have one of those names put up by the Nominating Committee which just met as the joint nomination of the President and the Executive Committee; the while you badgered the Nominating Committee to select an ex-officio member of the Board.

cc: Exec. Com. Mtg. file 10/28-29/55
Board Mtg. File 11/9/55
Extra Copy to be turned up to GSM for 11/9/55 Bd. Mtg.
Nominating Committee File '55-56

eab/

October 21, 1955

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

Mr. A. L. Johnson, Prentiss N & I Institute, Prentiss, Mississippi, has indicated that he will be in attendance at the Annual Board Meeting of SRC on November 9, 1955, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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October 25, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have reserved a suite for you in the Atlanta University Dormitories for Friday night, October 28, since I was unable to get reservations at the Piedmont Hotel, or any other downtown hotel.

I trust this is satisfactory with you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

rha

October 26, 1955

Mr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Barbare:

We will miss you at Tuskegee and will hope to the end that you get there.

I can quite understand that you would be in something of a box. I think one side of the box opens neatly. You were elected for a term which turned out by lot to be two years. You very kindly took the job and served, and served helpfully, to us all. The end of your term coincides with the Board meeting November 9, 1955. Unless the Nominating Committee presses for your re-election (and I believe they do not plan to do so) you will have served your term of office with everyone's gratitude.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

OCT 21 1955

Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina
October 19, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Room 432
63 Elbon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Doctor Mitchell:

I have delayed my reply, but it now appears that I shall not be able to attend the annual meeting in Tuskegee on November 9.

We are planning a special American Education Week program involving our community, and I feel I must be here.

I think also I should suggest to you the desirability of my resigning from the board. There are a number of complicated angles I should like to discuss with you: These do not lend themselves to a one-page letter. A good many months ago, in response to a question from the audience, I recall your saying "School men can not touch it." I did not agree with you at that time; but, I am beginning to fear you were correct. I am troubled about the matter because somebody must "touch it."

Think the matter over and write me, or, if you feel the same way, please look for somebody who can be more active.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Barbare

Ralph Barbare

RB:md

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102 N. BELVIDERE STREET
RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

PHONE: 3-4770

October 31, 1955

NOV 1 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I regret to advise that it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual Board meeting of the Southern Regional Council at Tuskegee Institute on November 9th.

The new Regional Directors of the AFL-CIO, of which I am to be one, have been summoned to Washington on November 9th and 10th for some special conferences.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher

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NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

RALEIGH

ELLEN WINSTON
COMMISSIONER

October 31, 1955

NOV 1 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Secretary
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Several days ago I wrote Dr. Fred Routh relative to the possibilities of securing transportation from Atlanta to Tuskegee in connection with the Board Meeting on November 9. Since that time, I have had an opportunity to talk with Dr. John H. Wheeler of Durham, North Carolina. I am planning to attend the Board Meeting; however, because of the pressure of duties, it is necessary that I return to North Carolina at the earliest possible date.

I would appreciate your making arrangements for round-trip transportation from Atlanta to Tuskegee. Please advise me the time you are planning to have transportation by automobile to Tuskegee leave Atlanta and the date. It will be possible for me to arrive in Atlanta on Tuesday, November 8. If you are planning to go to Tuskegee on this date, it will be necessary to also make reservations at Dorothy Hall to spend Tuesday night. I plan to return to North Carolina on the 8:40 P.M. plane on Wednesday, November 9, with Dr. John H. Wheeler. Kindly let me hear from you at once concerning this matter.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

J. R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work

JRL:fhc

Larkins + Wheeler Nov 9 Flight 510 from Montgomery
Pick up tickets Lv. 5:47
Thy Monday, Nov 7. Ar. 8:10

October 31, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I am in hopes that whatever you propose to do about choice of successor to Leonard Haas as Counsel will be done in time for the November 9th meeting to elect. Hasty inspection does not show me any means whereby the Executive Committee (as distinct from the Board) can legally fill that office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eqb

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Ex-Officio members of the SRC
(Affiliated State Organizations)
Typed 11/3/55

Alabama:	Rev. Duncan Hunter - Chairman C. G. Gomillion - representative
Arkansas:	Fred Darragh - Chairman Mrs. L. C. Bates - representative
Florida:	Dr. Paul Finner - Chairman
Georgia:	Rev. G. E. Clary - Chairman B. R. Brazeal - representative (Fall of '53)
Kentucky:	Mr. W. H. Perry - Chairman Mr. Irwin T. Sanders - representative (10/12/54)
Louisiana:	Rev. Albert D'Orlando - Chairman Numa J. Rousseve - representative
Mississippi:	Rabbi Charles Mantinband - Chairman A. L. Johnson - representative
North Carolina:	Mr. R. D. Wellons - Chairman John R. Larkins - representative
South Carolina:	~~Mrs. Richard J. Fox - Chairman~~ Mr. J. Claude Evans - Chairman Mrs. Marion Paul - representative (Fall of '53)
Tennessee:	Mr. F. Woods Beckman - Chairman Dr. Elsie Lewis - representative
Texas:	Mrs. James S. Crate - Chairman Mrs. Nanie B. Aycox - representative (Fall of '54)
Virginia:	Rev. W. Carroll Brooke - Chairman James M. Ellison - representative

NOTE: FLORIDA correspondence indicates that their July 29, 1955 meeting would elect a representative to SRC's Board. However, there is no record in our files of the July 29th minutes of the FCHR meeting.

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NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

ELLEN WINSTON
COMMISSIONER

RALEIGH

November 3, 1955

NOV 3 1955

Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

I would like to express my appreciations for your cooperation in securing reservations for me to return to Atlanta and Raleigh on Wednesday, November 9. Since receiving your message about the reservations, it has been necessary for me to change my plans. I will use the reservation from Montgomery at 5:47 P.M. on Wednesday, the 9th; but will have to spend the night in Atlanta and leave on Thursday for Raleigh. I already have my reservation on the 3:20 P.M. plane that will put me in Raleigh at 5:04 P.M. on the afternoon of the 10th. I plan to arrive in Atlanta by nine o'clock on the morning of the 8th, and will come directly to the office of the Southern Regional Council.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

J. R. Larkins

J. R. Larkins
Consultant on Negro Work

JRL:fhc

November 4,1955

Mr. Thomas W. Young, President
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

As a follow-up to your telephone conversation this morning with Dr. Mitchell, this is to advise you that Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director of the Alabama Council will meet you at 7:23 A.M. at the Montgomery airport on Wednesday, November 9, 1955. He will take you to Tuskegee with him for the Board Meeting.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

c.c. Rev. Robert E. Hughes

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WESTERN UNION

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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MRS RUTH H ALEXANDER, SEC TREAS=

63 AUBURN AVE NORTHEAST SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL ATLA=

=PLAN TO TAKE 10/37 AM PLANE TUESDAY ARRIVING IN ATLANTA 12:49 PM. PLEASE WIRE ME IF ARRIVAL IN ATLANTA 12:49 PM WILL BE TOO LATE TO GO TO TUSKEGEE WITH OTHERS=

:J R LARKINS=

NOV 7 1955

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MR. JOHN R. LARKINS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

YOUR DEPARTURE FROM ATLANTA TO TUSKEGEE ON ~~THURSDAY~~ TUESDAY HAS BEEN SET AT 3:00 P.M.

MRS. RUTH H. ALEXANDER

Bd. mtg. 11/9/55

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SRC MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 1955

Alabama

Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute
Reverend A. S. Turnipseed, Montgomery

Arkansas

Mrs. W. F. Bates, Little Rock

Florida

Mr. Herbert Davidson, Daytona Beach
Judge L. E. Thomas, Miami

Georgia

Mr. Morris B. Abram, Atlanta
Mr. J. A. Griffin, Emory University
Dr. J. M. Richards, Decatur
Dr. H. V. Richardson, Atlanta

Louisiana

Miss Florence Sytz, New Orleans

North Carolina

Dr. E. A. McDowell, Wake Forest
Dr. Clyde Milner, Guilford College
Right Reverend E. A. Penick, Raleigh

Oklahoma

Mr. O. D. Duncan, Stillwater

South Carolina

Dr. Ralph Barbare, Rock Hill
Mr. A. J. Clement, Charleston
Mr. J. L. Coker, Hartsville*
Reverend M. V. Shean, Rock Hill

Tennessee

Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville
Dr. Charles S. Johnson, Nashville
Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg

Texas

Dr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Houston
Mrs. J. M. Rayzar, Houston

* Resigned, 1954

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

When we come to the Minutes of the Board meeting, and to the report of the Nominating Committee in those Minutes, it is the case that Father Shean, reporting for the Nominating Committee, did at the end propose Leonard Haas to be elected as Counsel, and he was so elected. Marion Wright said that he and John Griffin had gone to see Leonard Haas November 8th and that Leonard had said that he, Leonard, would serve some more, as we are now under attack.

Incidentally, Leonard Haas was also elected to the Board. Unless we stand in need of new members of the Board, I would be inclined to let his election as a member of the Board stand in addition to his place as Counsel. He will pull off as Counsel sometime, and it would be pleasant for him to remain seated on the Board.

Another item in the Minutes is that toward the end of the meeting, the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer withdrew and I am told that the Board then proceeded to the selection of the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Another item in the Minutes is that when in "Other Business" the Executive Director asked if he would have the approval of the Board in adding to the staff, if money were provided, a person from the labor movement who would assist the bringing of understanding on civil rights in the labor movement, that was agreed to on motion.

Another item in the minutes is a proposed conference on strategy against the White Citizens Councils. This matter had been broached as a possibility by Mr. H. L. Mitchell, President of the National Agricultural Workers Union, A. F. of L. The Board took the position that the staff of the Southern Regional Council had its hands more than full with the program planning work now laid upon it, and that the arrangement of a conference would be a disapproved interference with that task.

Also in the Minutes, under the report of the Executive Director. The Executive Director said that the first undertaking under the grant from the Fund for the Republic was to organize twelve state groups in the field of human relations, and that this had been done. Secondly, we had been required to raise $40,000 independently of the first grant period, and we had raised $51,000. Although money had not been originally been available, we had taken advantage of circumstances which made it possible to provide for the time being the full salary of an Associate Director in each of the state groups. All of the states except Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas, at this time had them, and one or two of the laggards were expected to come in with such arrangements in the near future. He reviewed the attacks on the SRC, beginning with the attack by Reverend Blake Craft, and that of Mr. Roy Harris.

Fred Routh then reported, state by state, on the program and plans underway in each one.

C. H. Parrish, Assistant Director for State Organizations, then reported on the conference held in Atlanta in August 1955, and the resulting plan for program coordination within the states, through the use of consultants.

Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information, carried forward the story of the attacks on the Southern Regional Council, including that of the Attorney General of Georgia and the New York Journal-American of November 7, 1955, and the subsequent broadcast of Fulton Lewis, Jr., referring to the Southern Regional Council. He described the informational services of the Atlanta office to newspapers and magazines and bookwriters, and again emphasized his request to the states to keep the central office supplied with the exact facts on developing local situations.

The Executive Director, in summary, reviewed Mrs. Tilly's work with church women; described in further detail the plan to use Mr. John Hope on program planning; referred to the presence of Mr. O. D. Duncan as representing Oklahoma; and mentioned the availability of an audit for the full eighteen months first grant period.

eab/

November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

I noted the following persons in attendance at the Board meeting November 9th:

Darragh
Gomillion
Wilkins
Beckman
C.M. Birnie
Mrs. Floyd Bates of Arkansas
Mrs. Daisy Bates of Arkansas
Johnson of Mississippi
Shaw of Texas
Shean
Mrs. Crate
C. H. Robinson of Chattanooga
A. W. Dent
G. S. Mitchell
Duncan Hunter
Mantinband
Marion Wright
Harold Fleming
CMP
Fred Routh
Ruth Alexander
G. S. Alexander
Robert Hughes
Irene Osborne
Dr. McRae of Burnsville, N. C.
Claude Evans
J. M. Ellison
Carroll Brooke
Thomas Young
Braseal
Trenholm
O. D. Duncan
John Griffin
J. H. Burney

There were at least two other persons present, whose names I did not recall; a tall elderly bald-headed man, presumably Negro, but very light. Some other guy, white, description not recalled.

In making a roll of the meeting, the staff persons should be grouped in a separate category.

Robert Hughes was present as state director for the host state.

October 11, 1955
(Dictated October 10th)

M E M O R A N D U M

FILE COPY

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

Will you kindly take over responsibility for seeing to it that the Nominating Committee duly makes its presentment to the Board at the meeting at Tuskegee November 9th. You will need the file on the matter and handy slips as to whom they nominate for what. You should be able to rattle off at that meeting what the by-laws say, etc.

I will coach you and so will Fred Routh.

eab/

(Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence)

November 15, 1955

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

I am grateful to you for sending over to us the Minutes which Mrs. Crutcher took.

Mrs. Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, will send Mrs. Crutcher a check directly to Mrs. Crutcher's address.

In my telephone conversation with you, I should have made it clear that experience had taught me that exceptionally able stenographic skill is needed for taking Minutes at a meeting. We are grateful for your kindness, on the briefest of notice, in getting Mrs. Crutcher to come in and do the job. But, while we are able to patch together a fair account of what took place, I think it only right to let you know that a good deal less than a full and adequate piece of Minute-taking was done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Tuskegee Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

November 11, 1955

OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

NOV 14 1955

Dr. George H. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am herewith enclosing the minutes which Mrs. B. H. Crutcher took of the meeting, November 9. You may send a check for her services directly to her, Box 21, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

CGG:p
Encls.

Same letter sent to - Mr. W. Carroll Brooke , Staunton, Va.
Mr. John A. Griffin , Emory University, Ga.

December 13, 1955

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

As is customary, we are sending a draft of the minutes of the Board meeting on November 9, 1955, to some of the members who were present at the meeting.

We would appreciate your reading and checking this draft to see whether or not in your judgement it adequately covers the various actions taken at the meeting. There may be some items that have been omitted and need to be included. Please return the draft to us with any corrections or notations you may care to make. We are enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

Same letter sent to: John A. Griffin
Rev. George Clarey

January 4, 1956

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

Several days ago we sent you a draft of the minutes covering the November 9, 1955 Board meeting for checking and corrections if necessary.

We would appreciate your returning this draft to us at your earliest convience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
864 HUNTER ST., S. W.
ROOM E
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

January 5, 1956

Mr. G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I am herewith returning draft of the minutes of the Board meeting of November 9, 1955 as requested.

With kind regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Cassandra M. Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

CMB/eam
Encl.

Same letter sent to: John A. Griffin
Rev. George Clarey

January 4, 1956

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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We would appreciate your returning this draft to us at your earliest convience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh

November 16, 1954

Mr. Philip Hammer
Glenn Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Phil:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, at the meeting November 10th here in Atlanta, did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board.

The others they elected were Phil Weltner and Mr. I. H. Burney, who is an officer in the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in Jacksonville. Your friend Ed Norton at Birmingham. Hodding Carter, Bishop Watkins (Methodist), and a Mr. Jerome Crossman, who seems to be an oil man and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Dallas.

Do write me that you are willing to come on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

Tuskegee Institute

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ALABAMA

to copy in State Div. file

December 17, 1954

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12/20/54
Southern Regional Council

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for the copy of the material which you submitted concerning program functions, etc. of the Southern Regional Council in your communication of December 13. I am hoping that the State of Alabama will be able to present its proposed program by January 1 as requested by the Regional Council.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion

CGG:p

COOPER, MITCH & BLACK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
1329-1333 BROWN-MARX BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM 3, ALABAMA
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JEROME A. COOPER
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JAN 5 1955

January 4, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have your very nice letter of December 29, 1954, concerning my election to the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

I certainly do appreciate this honor.

It is therefore with a great deal of regret that I tell you that I shall not be able to serve on the Council. I do not belong to any organization to which I cannot contribute a great deal of work and in whose activities I cannot participate to the fullest extent. Unfortunately, I am already committed to so many activities outside of my profession that I do not feel that I could make any contribution to the Council at this time.

I certainly wish your organization well and regret that I cannot accept your invitation this year.

With every good wish for you and the Council, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hugo L. Black Jr.

Hugo L. Black, Jr.

HLB,Jr/t

December 29, 1954

Attorney Hugo Black, Jr.
Brown Marx Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

Some weeks ago at the annual meeting of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, the Board did themselves the honor of electing you to one of the five or six vacancies on it. I do hope that after consideration, you can write me that you will wish to serve.

The Council descends from the work of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation which began in 1919. The program was reorganized under the Southern Regional Council in 1944. We have sought and, we think, have deserved some reputation in the South for sober, temperate, and informed efforts to increase the sum of interracial understanding and justice within the South. An accurate statement of policy is contained in the enclosed, adopted in 1951.

More lately, as you will have heard, we have had a substantial grant from the Fund for the Republic and have been using it to get reestablished in each of twelve Southern states a race relations agency with paid professional staff. In Alabama this group, which until recently called itself the Alabama Division of SRC, has reorganized as the Alabama Council on Human Relations.

It has offices at Montgomery, and its Executive Director is a young Methodist minister named Robert Hughes. But, it is on the Board of the overall agency -- the Southern Regional Council -- that we ask you to serve.

The Board meets once a year. It is made up of about eighty persons, two-thirds of them elected from the South generally, and twenty-five or so from the various component state agencies like the Alabama Council on Human Relations. The Council covers the expenses of attendance at annual meetings and they have generally been interesting and important gatherings. The Board is by no means sommolent; it has, and uses, final policy authority in the show.

I send a list of those presently on the Board, with the Alabama members underscored.

The Council would feel itself really assisted if you would come on to its Board, and I hope that you can write me that you will.

GSM/eab
Encls.
cc: Mr. Robert Hughes

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

Tuskegee Institute

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ALABAMA

OFFICE OF
THE DEAN

January 5, 1955

JAN 7 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of December 16., and for a copy of the minutes of the Board meeting on November 10th and of a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 23.

Best wishes for success and happiness during 1955, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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FR ✓ Noted on list.
GTH ✓
KS ✓
GSM ✓

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

THOMAS L. ROBINSON
PRESIDENT-PUBLISHER

January 6, 1955

JAN 7 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

As my secretary wrote you on December 30th, I have been quite seriously ill in the hospital. While I am endeavoring to recover my strength, I want to give you a definite reply to your greatly appreciated letter of December 29th.

I am, indeed, pleased that the Southern Regional Council honored me by electing me to membership on your Board. However, I regret exceedingly that I am unable to accept this honor for several reasons.

First, I have a very long and heavy list of civic responsibilities which is already more than I can carry. My doctor has warned me to lighten my load. Secondly, I feel in fairness to you and the other members of your Board that you should have in Charlotte a man on your Board who is less pressed from every direction.

I assure you that I am extremely interested in your work and I promise to try to be helpful in my capacity as a newspaper publisher.

Thank you again for your very cordial and sincere invitation to join you on your Board which I note is made up of a great many fine and distinguished citizens.

With all good wishes,

Cordially Yours,

Thomas L. Robinson

Thomas L. Robinson

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 14, 1955

RECEIVED DEC 15 1955

DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE. N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR DOCTOR:

THANKS FOR YOURS OF THE 12TH. I WAS VERY HAPPY TO GET THE INFORMATION.

I HEARD THREE DAYS AGO THAT THE BOARD HAD GRANTED $15,000.00 TO THE CATHOLIC COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH FOR THE STAGING OF THESE INSTITUTES.

WE WILL RECEIVE THE MONEY AS SOON AS I HAVE A STATEMENT OF TAX EXEMPTION FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

LAST SATURDAY, ALICE SPEARMAN AND MR. MCCAIN OF SUMTER, S. C., WENT TO HIGH POINT, N. C., FOR A MEETING WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE COUNCIL. WHILE THERE I TALKED FOR A SHORT TIME WITH MR. PARISH AND WE DISCUSSED AGAIN THE CONSULTANTS' PROGRAM.

HE TELLS ME THAT SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF MR. HOPE AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE IN ATLANTA. I AM WONDERING IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COME TO THAT MEETING. FRANKLY I DON'T THINK I WILL BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING ON DEVELOPING OUR PROGRAM UNTIL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS OR UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS ITSELF. I THINK THAT AFTER I HAVE DONE SOME WORK ON IT, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO COME TO ATLANTA AND THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME MIGHT BE WHEN YOU ARE HAVING THE MEETING WITH JOHN HOPE. I DO NOT WISH TO BARGE IN. SO IF IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR ME TO BE AT THE MEETING, PERHAPS I COULD BE THERE AT THE TIME HE IS GOING TO BE THERE, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR MEETING.

I HOPE THAT FATHER FOLEY IS SUCCESSFUL WITH THE MAYOR OF MOBILE. WE ARE GOING THROUGH A BIT OF A HASSLE HERE IN ROCK HILL AT THE MOMENT, BUT I THINK THAT EVENTUALLY IT WILL WORK OUT SATISFACTORILY.

WITH EVERY BEST WISH,

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:E

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

MAR 3 1955

✓ I approve of the statement and wish to be listed with other members of the Executive Committee as adopting it.

___ I would prefer that my name not be used as adopting the proposed statement.

Maurice V. Sloan

Bd.
copy in Va. files

January 10, 1955

Dictated January 7

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I have been trying to work out further plans for an SRC-type agency in Virginia.

About a month ago I met with Emerson Smith and one or two of his head people to define the respective relations of a prospective Virginia Council on Human Relations and the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches. I found no disposition for the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Virginia Council of Churches to become again an independent agency and receive aid from the Southern Regional Council. In consequence it was agreed that SRC might establish a Virginia Council on Human Relations which would have the full cooperation of the Department of Christian Social Relations.

I was back in Richmond, Tuesday, January 4th. This time in further conversations, the following plan emerged: This office to write to the eighty or ninety members of the Southern Regional Council in Virginia and ask if they would agree to the setting up of a Nominating Committee of seven persons. That Nominating Committee would then, at a meeting to be held February 1st, choose thirty-odd persons to be members of a Virginia Council on Human Relations. The thirty-odd persons would be the only voting members of the Virginia Council; though the Virginia Council on Human Relations would eagerly accept the membership of friends and supporters over the state. (Such an arrangement has gone pretty far in Kentucky, as a model, and I think would work all right in Virginia.)

The persons to be in the Virginia Council on Human Relations would be chosen for their effectiveness within a variety of agencies and interest groups over the state, although in many instances they would hold no official position in the agency or group, and certainly would not be expected officially to represent particular bodies.

Program would be what the other states are undertaking -- the schools, health, housing, employment, social services, participation, etc. I assume that the Virginia Council on Human Relations would at an early date employ paid staff.

The Nominating Committee selected is made up of the Reverend Carroll Brooke of Staunton, chairman, James M. Ellison, Rupert Picott, Harry Roberts, Paul Williams, Wilson Brown, and Mrs. Arnold Strauss. I think they are to meet in Richmond for luncheon on February 1st. Presumably after their choices have been made, a Virginia Council on Human Relations could be summoned for its first meeting in late February or in March.

If you can think of people who clearly should be on the Virginia Council on Human Relations, you might communicate their names to Mrs. Strauss, or to any of the members of the Nominating Committee.

I did on last Tuesday in Richmond check over lists of people in Virginia with Gordon Hancock, Rupert Picott, Emerson Smith, Paul Williams, and Mr. Ellison.

I do hope these plans seem suitable to you. If you have suggestions about them, please let me or one of the members of the Nominating Committee know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Alonzo Moron
Mrs. Margaret Garrity

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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¡ Sic Semper Libertus !

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January 25, 1955

JAN 26 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

Hoorah for Rev. Albert D'Orlando.

Strongly as he feels, and I thoroughly agree with his point of view, I believe he might see the matter in a slightly different light if he could have the benefit of the discussion we had in the last meeting of the Executive Committee. I feel sure you could work this out with him once you two are together.

Maybe I will see you February 17th.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher

PRC:llr
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Tuskegee Institute

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OFFICE OF
THE DEAN

February 7, 1955

FEB 9 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

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Enclosed herewith is a check for $24.00 in payment of the bill for the 300 copies of Mrs. Tilly's leaflet entitled Christian Conscience and the Supreme Court Decision on Segregated Schools.

We are looking forward to Mrs. Tilly's speech in observance of Race Relations Sunday on February 13. She will be speaking under the sponsorship of the Tuskegee Civic Association.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion

CGG:p
Encl.

Rd

February 9, 1955

Mr. Thomas Young
Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

You were very kind indeed to give me space and a machine and the kind attention of various people at the office. I got the little job done and in Petersburg and Richmond that afternoon furthered the whole matter -- much the more so because the typing was finished.

My cordial appreciation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

February 25, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

We want you to be on our Board, and wrote you January 14th. Do have your secretary dig up the letter and write us that it is all right with you. We need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dr. Mitchell:

2/23/55

Should we write Mr. Rinehart again?

EAB

January 14, 1955

(Dictated January 12)

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Ingraham Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

The Southern Regional Council is a Board of Directors, and the Board has elected you to it and are hoping you will serve.

For most of its ten years of life, the Council was a membership body. The members met once a year and elected a Board. The Board picked an Executive Committee which runs the works. About the time our grant from the Fund for the Republic came through, the by-laws were changed to turn over the scattered Southwide membership in the Council to the new state organizations. Then the Southern Regional Council itself became a smallish self-perpetuating Board; fifty people originally elected by the last of the annual membership meetings. Two people from the state organizations. Six or eight officers. That is the whole Board.

By the time of this annual meeting there were a few vacancies, and to them were elected the following, who have accepted: Hodding Carter; Jerome Crossman, a former president of the Chamber of Commerce of Dallas; I. H. Burney of Jacksonville, Afro-American Life Insurance executive; Philip Hammer, an economic consultant in Atlanta; and Bishop W. T. Watkins of the Methodist Church in Louisville (oral acceptance so far). They also elected you, and we all greatly hope that you will want to come on to the Board.

The Board meets once a year. The meetings thus far have been in Atlanta, but they can be anywhere the Board wants them to be. Expenses are paid. The Board is not somnolent; it is the Council. In the one meeting it has held since the reorganization it was a vigorous body.

I give you a list of those presently on the Board. Also, the by-laws, almost exactly as they stand except for one tiny amendment about the Nominating Committee which is not yet on this copy.

The Florida group will be meeting in a few days to get launched as the Florida Council on Human Relations. Fred Routh tells me that they intend to set up an office at Orlando. Your being on the Board of the Southern Regional Council would make you a sort of respected friend of the Florida Council on Human Relations; but your real job would be to help run the Southwide show.

Do let me know whether you are willing to serve.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

March 4, 1955

Mr. Hollis Rinehart
Rinehart & Gibbs
Counselors at Law
Ingraham Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Hollis:

We appreciate you a lot.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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HOLLIS RINEHART
WILLIAM W. GIBBS

CABLE ADDRESS
RINCAR

March 1, 1955

George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MAR 3 1955

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Please accept my apologies. Your letter of January 14th did get buried amongst all of my files on the Dade County Council on Community Relations. I think, too, I confused it somewhat with the meeting we were setting up at that time with Fred Routh.

But quickly let me say I will be very happy to serve on the Board if you still are of that mind.

I am looking forward to a meeting in Daytona Beach this coming Saturday with Davisson F. Dunlap in connection with the organization of the Florida Council. Perhaps I may see you there.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Hollis Rinehart

HR/lvm

S. D. [illegible]

Jo. [illegible]

No change [illegible]

E. C. [illegible]

[illegible] Feb. Nos.

March 7, 1955

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Haas, Leonard
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta

An original of this ltr/also sent to: Birnie, Christopher, Clement, Griffin, Richards, Richardson, Shean, Wilkins, Wright, Dent, Hancock, Wesley, Haas

March 8, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

March 8, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

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Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

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Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
512 Ebeneezer
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

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Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston, Texas

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
381 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

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Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

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Mr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

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Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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March 10, 1955

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

I find myself in rather an embarrasing position as a Methodist because we haven't heard from you in reference to your acceptance of a place on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Of course I know how busy a Bishop is, and how much he is absent from his office. Mrs. Robinson reported your acceptance but, of course, we ought to have your official acceptance.

We need you with your vision and courage, and I hope you will find time to send in your acceptance very shortly.

With the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Watkins, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
In Charge of Women's Work

MET/eab

March 4, 1955

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

One piece of your mail got buried somewhere.

We wrote you on November 16th and asked you to be good enough to become a member of the Board of SRC. Mrs. E. U. Robinson told us some days later that she had talked with you and that it was quite all right with you to come on to our Board. But we would like to have a word from you that you accept.

We need you and will be grateful for having you in our group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 16, 1954

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council at their meeting November 10th elected you to one of the seven vacancies on the Board. The others asked to come on were: Hodding Carter from Mississippi; I. H. Burney of Jacksonville; Ed Norton of Birmingham; Phil Weltner of Atlanta; Phil Hammer of Atlanta; and Jerome Crossman of Dallas.

I enclose a list of the present membership of the Board.

Our Council has through the years had the warmest link with the Methodist Church, and we would be deeply grateful for your coming on to the Board for our guidance and counsel. We have a heavy responsibility in these months and years ahead to show the South a statesmanlike solution for present problems. The Board is the governing body of the Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

To: Dr. A.W. Dent

The attached speech by Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Fund for the Republic, may be of interest to you if you have not already seen it.

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January 7, 1954

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma A. &M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Duncan:

This is a nice insurance fellow that I met at Norman last year. He sent us in $10.00 just to keep us encouraged.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

see "Foster, Tom"
4. general cases. folder.

April 18, 1955

Bishop W. T. Watkins
1115 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Bishop Watkins:

Sincerely we are sorry to have your letter of April 11th. This Council has many warm and friendly links with the Methodists, and we were desirous, in inviting you to be on the Board, of recognizing the propriety of following policies which would in ordinary course meet with the approval of the Methodist people.

I respect your view that as circumstance would make it difficult for you to participate actively in policy formation for the Council you prefer not to be on the Board. But we want somebody high in the Methodist Church who will be active in policy.

In any case, we hope you will be our friend, and will, from time to time, help us in the South as a whole and in your own Conference to do and say what will be useful and constructive.

Sincerely,

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The Methodist Church

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

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LOUISVILLE 5, KY.
HIGHLAND 0680

OFFICE
CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDING
1115 SO. FOURTH ST.
WABASH 2486

April 11, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

When Mrs. Robinson called me sometime last autumn and asked me to accept membership in what I now know to be your body, I readily accented under the false impression that the body referred to was the Atlanta office of the National Council of Churches of Christ. This was very stupid of me, but such are the facts.

When I learned of my error sometime in late December, I went about the task of learning of the work of the Southern Regional Council, but in January I was away from home twenty-five days and returned home to come down with an illness which incapacitated me until after the first of March. This will account for a long gap in my correspondence and other activities. Having informed myself during the past month concerning the work and ideals of the Southern Regional Council, I wish to say that I do approve the work you are undertaking and you have my utmost goodwill. Both in public utterance and otherwise, I have committed myself to essentially the same position.

At the same time, as I explained to Mrs. Robinson over the phone, I cannot take on any additional responsibilities that are time consuming. I have learned also that it is not possible to divorce myself from my office with the result that into whatever body I may accept membership I carry something of the Methodist Church with me subjecting it to either approval or adverse criticism as the case may be.

From time to time your body very properly takes up positions and issues statements. Amid the tense situation in the southern states, I do not feel that I can accept membership in a body unless my time would permit my participation in the formulating of public policies and statements.

The heart of the matter is that while you most certainly

have my goodwill and approval of your ideals, I most respectfully request that you accept my resignation from the Board of Directors for the reason that I cannot be an active member and I feel that I should not carry the influence of my office into a situation where I cannot personally participate in policy making and decisions.

I trust that you will understand my position and forgive me for the poor way in which I have handled this entire matter.

Very sincerely yours,

W. T. Watkins

William T. Watkins

WTW:m

cc: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Mrs. E. U. Robinson

April 27, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Witherspoon wrote me.

I remember there was some faint condition attached to the map, but was this it?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Ltr from Mr. Witherspoon Dodge
National Religion & Labor
Foundation, dtd 4/25/55

Clement, A. Y.

May 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: GTH

FROM: GSM

I assume from this letter that Mr. Clement is more or less permanently transferred to New Jersey.

If that is the case we automatically lose him from the Board.

But there is no reason to be abrupt about it, and I suppose that the thing to do is to wait until say August and then inquire if he proposes to come back, and say that if not we will fill the vacant place on the Board. I have set up a tickler to remind me to do this.

In anticipation of a possible vacancy, will you so mark the material that you are putting into the files about the work of the Nominating Committee.

Encl. - incoming corres. - see Nominating Committee folder for

GSM

7 June 55

Mr. J.H. Burney
1187 West 10th
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear "J.H."

The position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Regional Council will be vacant after July 15 and we need a replacement for Katherine Stoney. The person should be available July 1st so they could be introduced to our books and methods.

We would like to get a qualified Negro man for the position; one who has had experience in budgeting, bookkeeping, and office management. The position pays $4,500 a year and there is a day and a half vacation for every month of work with the Council.

We thought you might have someone to suggest for the position because of your experience and connections in the financial world. Anyone whom you suggest will be given careful consideration by our personnel committee, consisting of Rufus Clement, George Mitchell, and Marion Wright.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

Office of Secretary

JUN 22 1955

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Incorporated under the laws of Florida
DR. A. L. LEWIS, Founder
HOME OFFICE
101-105 E. UNION STREET
P. O. BOX 660
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

June 21, 1955

FSW
for your info.
7/22

Mr. Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Fred:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 7th, and I have been trying to do a bit of scouting around to see if I could be of help in supplying a qualified applicant but, to date I have been unable to locate one whom I would recommend. I shall continue looking, if I find a good prospect I will notify you.

With very best regards, I remain

Very repsectfully yours,

I H Burney Ha

I. H. Burney, II
SECRETARY

IHB/a

Our President's Slogan

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Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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July 6, 1955

Mailed to:

Morris Abram
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Paul Christopher
Rufus E. Clement
John A. Griffin
J. McDowell Richards
Harry V. Richardson
Maurice V. Shean
Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock
Carter Wesley
Leonard Haas

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU[redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ju[redacted] 6, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

FILE COPY

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

You remember that Miss Stoney is leaving us as Secretary-Treasurer on July 15th.

We think we are lining up a desirable permanent replacement, but do not expect to be able to put in a new Secretary-Treasurer until some date perhaps early in August.

Meanwhile, it will be needful to have an acting Secretary-Treasurer with power to counter-sign checks. For this purpose we propose to ask Mrs. Ruth Alexander to serve for a brief interim period as acting Secretary-Treasurer. She has been bookkeeper and assistant to Miss Stoney for something over a year. I am asking for approval of this interim appointment by the Personnel Committee of the Executive Committee.

Subject to that condition, if you would be willing to approve this interim appointment, please be good enough to sign the enclosed resolution and return it to us. It will be necessary with the banks to show a resolution of this kind from at least a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., being the competent body under the By-Laws of the Council, by this instrument empowers Mrs. Ruth Alexander to serve as Acting Secretary-Treasurer from July 15, 1955, until such time as a Secretary-Treasurer is employed by the Executive Committee of the Council. In this capacity, she is authorized to co-sign checks on the Council's accounts with the Executive Director or the Assistant Director, Mr. Fleming.

This resolution adopted by action of the Executive Committee via mail ballot, completed July ____, 1955.

_____ Date of signing

_____ Signature

6/6/55
eab/

7/13/55

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Abram, Morris B.	Attorney	Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Atwood, R.B.	Educator	Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.
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Ellison, J.M.%	Educator	Virginia Union Univ., Richmond, Va.
Evans, J. Claude#	Clergyman	P. O. Box 867, Columbia, S.C.
Finner, Paul F.#	Professor	930 West Park, Tallahassee, Fla.
Friedman, S. Thomas	Soc. Worker	1110Bissonet, Houston,Tex.
Gomillion, C. G.%	Educator	Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Inst. Ala.
Griffin, John A.	Professor	Emory Univ., Emory Univ., Georgia
Haas, Leonard*	Attorney	Haas-Howell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.
Hammer, Philip	Planning Consultant	70 Fairlie St., Atlanta, Ga.
Hancock, Gordon B.*	Professor	P. O. Box 6056, Richmond, Va.
Hunter, Duncan#	Clergyman	Alexander City, Ala.
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Milner, Clyde	Educator	Guilford College, N.C.
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Rayzor, Mrs. J. N.	Civic Leader	3207 Groveland Lane, Houston, Tex.
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Richardson, H. V.	Educator	Gammon Theol. Sem., Atlanta, Ga.
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Smith, C. Emerson	Clergyman	109 West Grace St., Richmond, Va.
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Stroud, Mrs. Tommie	Civic Leader	2524 Old Oaks Drive, Waco, Texas
Sytz, Miss Florence	Professor	Tulane Sch. of Soc. Wk., New Orleans, La.
Thomas, L. E.	Attorney	1035 N. W. Second Ave., Miami, Fla.
Tillman, Mrs. J. Fount	Church Leader	Lewisburg, Tenn.
Trenholm, H. C.%	Educator	Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala.
Turnipseed, A. S.	Clergyman	251 Island Ct., Mobile, Ala
Weiss, Morton	Businessman	182 Marietta St., Atlanta, Ga.
Wellons, R. D.#	Educator	Pembroke College, Pembroke, N. C.
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Wheeler, John H.	Banker	Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, N.C.
Wilkins, Miss Josephine	Civic Leader	387 Milledge Ave., Athens, Ga.
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Wright, M. A.*	Lawyer	Top Knot, Linville Falls, N. C.
Young, Thomas W.	Publisher	Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

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* SRC Officer

\# Ex-officio

% State representative

**Employed for the summer months in the Kentucky program, and therefore for the summer months on the Board of SRC.

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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c/o Biltmore Hotel
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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 22, 1955

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Dear SRC Board Member:

The first grant period from the Fund for the Republic to SRC ends September 30, 1955. Our request for the second grant period must be in not later than August 20, 1955. It seems desirable to review and evaluate the program of the Council and of the various affiliated state organizations during the first grant period.

To that end, we ask that you be kind enough to send us your confidential evaluation of the operation within your own state. We would like to have a frank statement by you of your opinion of the effectiveness of the program; of the problems which have arisen; and any suggestions you may have for improving the state operation.

We hope that it will not be too great an imposition for you to send your comments to us sometime before August 5th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 19, 1955

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

I am sending you, under separate cover today, the 100 copies of SRC's promotion leaflet as you requested at the Mammoth Cave Executive Committee Meeting.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

September 8, 1955

Mr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richards:

We all regretted the decision required by your letter of resignation from the Executive Committee. Technically the authority with the power to accept the resignation from the Executive Committee is the Executive Committee itself. Your letter was brought to their attention at the meeting at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, August 17th. Whereupon the Committee accepted the resignation with regret.

We are all aware that your new and important duties make it advisable to reduce your outside commitments to a minimum, and are only grateful for the long interest you have had in the Southern Regional Council.

I remind you that you remain a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, in accordance with your election in May, 1953, for a term expiring in November, 1955.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Members of Nominating Committee:
Mr. Hammer
Mr. Brimm
Mr. Mays
Mrs. Birnie
Rt. Rev. Shean

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Decatur, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 10 1955

AUG 11 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
63 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I regret very much that my responsibilities this year are such that I find myself entirely unable to discharge my responsibilities as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council. Under the circumstances, I feel that it is only proper that I submit my resignation as a member of the Committee, in order that someone else may be appointed as my successor.

I want to assure you that this action is not based upon any lack of interest in the Southern Regional Council or desire to assist in its work. I shall still stand ready to render such service as I can as a member of the Council, although for the coming year the amount of time which I can give to the work is necessarily very limited.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

J. McDowell Richards

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Columbia Theological Seminary

Decatur, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 8, 1955.

JUL 9 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Exec. Dir.,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

In response to your letter of July 6, I have been glad to sign the proposed resolution and am returning my mail ballot herewith.

I regret that my reply card concerning the meeting of the Executive Committee on August 16-17, 1955, was incorrectly addressed and was returned to me. I am writing this additional note to advise you that owing to previous engagements it will be impossible for me to attend. I am sorry that I am proving to be such an unprofitable member of the committee.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

J. McDowell Richards.

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September 13, 1955

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of September 6, and to say that I have noted its contents.

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

/d

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I will (~~will not~~) be able to attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Signed John H Wheeler

Have already written to say that I shall attend the meeting and hope to ride with you from Atlanta to Tuskegee

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NOV 8 1955

Signed [illegible]

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Signed Fred Darough

NOV 7 1955

Dear Mr. Mitchell, My plans have been changed so I can attend the S. R. C. Nov. 9.

I will arrive, probably, in time to spend the night, Nov. 8.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. N. Robinson

NOV 6 1955

I regret that I am physically unable to attend the meeting at Tuskegee on 11/9. My very best wishes for a successful meeting.

Paul F. Finner

Paul F. Finner,
930 W. Park Ave.,
Tallahassee, Florida.

11/ 5/55

NOV 7 1955

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Signed Thomas W. Young

See letter to Mr. Mitchell

NOV 7 1955

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Signed Elsie M. Lewis

Proxy will attend — Mr. Clarence Robinson, Chattanooga, Tennessee
address: 414 South Greenwood.

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Signed Herbert McDaniel Davidson

OCT 24 1955

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Signed Lamarkus M. A. Stanico

Kindly make reservations at Dorothy Hall for me

Note & Return to RHA

OCT 21 1955

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Signed Irwin T. Sanders

I am no longer one of the Kentucky representatives on the Board. Rev. Olof Anderson was selected at our last Board of Directors' meeting & plans to attend.

I ~~will~~ (will not) be able to attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Sorry but I cannot attend as I have another program scheduled at that time.

Signed Clyde A. Milner

Clyde A. Milner

Please reserve room for me for preceding night at Dorothy Hall

OCT 19 1955

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Signed Woodrow Ashmore

F. WOODROW ASHMORE
5900 ALBANY ROAD
KNOXVILLE 20, TENN.

OCT 17 1955

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Signed B. R. Brogden

P.S. I will spend the night of Wed. Nov. 9 at Tuskegee Institute. B.R.B.

OCT [illegible] 1955

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Signed J. W. Rumney, II.

I can ~~cannot~~ will attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, 1955, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Signed Rabbi C Martinsand

Hattiesburg Miss

OCT [illegible]

Not certain about staying over nite at Dorothy Hall. Probably be better off in Montgomery — Who from Mississippi are coming?

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Signed [illegible]

OCT 7 1955

No Reservation Necessary

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Signed Chas. A. Shaw
P.O. Box 2097, Houston 1, Texas.

I shall remain overnight.
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OCT 12 1955

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Signed Alex G. Morris, Pres.
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

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Signed W F Weiss

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Signed [illegible]

OCT 5 1955

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Signed Maurice V. Hogan

OCT 5 1955

Oct. 3, 1955

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Signed A. Morrillion

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Signed Gordon A. Hancock

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Signed Albert D'Orlando

Rev. Albert D'Orlando

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Signed Joe R. Harkins

N. C. Council of Human Relations

133 E. Hargett St. - Raleigh, N.C.

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Signed Mrs. Jas S. Crate

Please make reservation at Dorothy Hall - I will arrive the night of the 8th

I will [redacted] be able to attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

1207 West 28th Street

Signed Mrs. L. C. Bates

I'll appreciate reservation in Dorothy Hall for Tuesday night the 8th & maybe the 9th.

I will (~~will not~~) be able to attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Signed W. Carroll Brooke

Box 208, Staunton, Va.

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Signed Hugh L. A. Brown

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Signed Wm. A. Wright

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Signed J. Claude Evans

Will need to spend night - Nov 8 at Dorothy Hall.

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Signed Duncan Hunter

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Signed A L Johnson

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Signed Harry S. Richardson

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Signed Augustus E. Clement

September 27, 1955

I hope to be ~~will (will not)~~ be able to attend the 1955 Annual Board Meeting of the Southern Regional Council Wednesday, November 9, at 9:15 a.m., at Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Signed O L Sherrill

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Miss Wilkins:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Wesley:

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Sincerely,

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

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Dear Father Shean:

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Sincerely,

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Hancock:

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Sincerely,

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Haas:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Encl.

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This is the copy of the letter of Grant from the Fund for the Republic that should have been enclosed with the note mailed to you on October 3, 1955.

Sincerly,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

October 5, 1955

Dear Mr. Dent:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

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Dear Mr. Christopher:

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Sincerely,

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Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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October 5, 1955

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary - Treasurer

RHA/ys
Enclosure

Bx

October 24, 1955

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

That was a bang-up editorial from the Greensboro Daily News. I do thank you for sending it. They took exactly the right turn.

The whole Cook episode makes things pop, but we keep on trying to ward off bullets as they get aimed at us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Clip to HCF

October 31, 1955

Mr. Michael Farrell
1003 Elizabeth Street
Midland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Farrell:

Ralph McGill asked us to send you some things helpful for your Conference. I hasten to send off various of our own publications. You ought to send us about a dollar to pay for them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:
Answers for Action
New South, March-September, 1955
SRC publications list
SRC promotion leaflet

cc: RA ✓

NOV 3 1955

2230 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky
November 1, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

There will be two representatives of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations in attendance at the Board meeting at Tuskegee Institute on November 9 - Reverend Olof Anderson and myself.

Yours very truly,

William H. Perry, Jr.
Chairman, Kentucky Council
on Human Relations.

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Richmond, Va.
Nov. 4, 1955

Dear George,

I am sorry to write that it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual Meeting this year. I doubly regret this because I had to write Marion Wright my inability to attend the meeting of his finance committee.

I don't have to tell you that this must not be interpreted as any loss of interest on my part in the affairs of S.R.C. I will do what I can for the organization, especially will I try to raise some money between now and the end of this year.

Please do continue to drop by when you are in Richmond and have the time.

Best wishes always!

Sincerely
Paul W.

P.S. I'll explain why the date this year is impossible when I see you. P.

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NOV 5 1955

November 4,1955.

Mr. George Mitchell
Room 432, 63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

This is just a hasty note to say that I have worked out my schedule so that I will be able to attend the meeting at Tuskegee next week. I will arrive in Tuskegee on Tuesday afternoon and would like to go immediately to the school if you can make a reservation there for me. Then I will need to get back to Montgomery by five-thirty on Wednesday afternoon in order to take the train from there for Cincinnati.

I am looking forward to the visit in Tuskegee, and certainly to participating in the Board meeting.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. W. F. Bates
Mrs. W.F.Bates

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Dear Dr Mitchell.

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November 10, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
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FROM: GSM

At the meeting of the Board of SRC November 9th, the staff was directed to prepare a proposal to the Executive Committee, to be ready in January or perhaps -- at the latest -- in April, 1956, for continuance of the Southern Regional Council after the expiration of the Fund for the Republic grant.

I think they are more interested in how much of the function of a central office should survive than in how to finance such an office.

If I may have a memo from each of you by December 15th, giving your views, I will be grateful.

GS

cab/

November 10, 1955

Mr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Some weeks ago I wrote in to Bob Weaver at the John Hay Whitney Foundation, officially, and asked that the John Hay Whitney Foundation for 1956 be so good as to find for the Southern Regional Council $4,000 for the Fellowship of the Concerned. Here's a copy of the letter.

We think that in view of the good that Mrs. Tilly and the church women can do, this is a modest step-up to request. Mrs. Tilly is doing what she can of the job anyway. But she has to have money to bring the women together. The various local societies have no treasuries. We agreed at our SRC Board meeting yesterday that no force could be more effective against the Citizens Councils than the church women.

I do greatly hope that the John Hay Whitney Board will want to stay with us on that increase. Every penny goes into the work with church women.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

cc: RA

November 10, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

What do you want to do about conferring with the lawyer from the Fund for the Republic?

Harold will be sending you the best account we have of what was in the Journal-American, and what we know -- which is by no means all -- of what Fulton Lewis, Jr., has been saying.

You could go up, or you and Leonard could go. We would be happy with whatever arrangements you care to make. The trip is, of course, at SRC expense.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: RA

November 10, 1955

Mr. Luther H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

The members of our Board felt yesterday the very deepest appreciation for the solid comfort and attentive kindness which met them at every turn during their stay at Tuskegee and at Dorothy Hall.

On behalf of the Board, we thank you and all at Tuskegee for this signal hospitality.

It is another matter, but the Board yesterday, in filling its small number of vacancies, did themselves the honor of electing you to the Board of Directors. I greatly hope you will accept. I enclose the list of Board members as it stood just before yesterday's meeting. The new nominees chosen yesterday are in all cases comparable people.

Membership on the Board entails no dire responsibilities. The Board meets once a year. Let us hope it will meet often at Tuskegee! We have always, with the exception of one sad year, been able to pay expenses of Board members to come to the meeting.

It is only fair to say that at the moment the Hearst Journal-American in New York, and Fulton Lewis, Jr. are yapping and baying to the effect that some twenty-one people on our Board are pro-Communist, with records of affiliations with bad bunches. As they attack in this manner Bishop Clingman of Kentucky; Florence Sytz of New Orleans; Charles Johnson; Rufus Clement; J. M. Ellison; Councill Trenholm; R. B. Atwood; etc.; I think you come into good rather than ill company on our Board.

Do write me whether you can accept.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RA ✓
HCF

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L. H. FOSTER, PRESIDENT

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November 14, 1955

NOV 16 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I am glad to know the members of the Board enjoyed their stay on our campus last week. We are always glad to have you.

I am pleased to accept the invitation to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Incorporated. The Council does an excellent job and I shall be happy to join in its efforts.

Sincerely yours,

L. H. Foster
President

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
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OFFICE OF THE
DEAN OF STUDENTS

November 17, 1955

NOV 18 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director, SRC, Inc.
Room 432 - 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of November 15 and for the information that you had received the minutes of the Annual Board Meeting which were sent to you.

I am very sorry that we were not able to provide you with an experienced secretary for the day you were here. On that particular day, the secretary in my office who is quite competent in the taking of minutes had lost her only pair of eye glasses and, therefore, was not able to take minutes. The person who was sent over was accepted upon the recommendatinn of someone else. I am hoping that if the Board ever meets again at Tuskegee Institute, we shall be better prepared to serve you.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students

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Write him personally
Nov. 5. '55
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November 18, 1954

Exec Com.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Marion A. Wright

FROM: Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

In consideration of necessary balance in the 1955 Nominating Committee's membership it would be helpful if "the two members appointed by joint action of the President and the Executive Committee" were:

Mrs. Cassandra Birnie - Atlanta, Ga.
Rt.Rev. Maurice Shean - Rock Hill, S.C.

The three members elected by the SRC are:

Rev. Hugh Brim (Ex-officio for Kentucky)
Mr. Philip Hammer - Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. B.E. Mays - Atlanta, Ga.

The latest committee will thus include representation of the several constituent parts of the SRC (members, an ex-officio member, Executive Committee members).

It is also a group which it is possible to convene for meetings without difficulty.

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cc: GSM
GTH

November 28, 1955

Dr. Cameron F. McRae
District Health Department
Burnsville, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McRae:

I am enclosing another expense account form for your convenience of reporting your expenses to and from SRC Annual Board Meeting, November 9, 1955.

I have indicated on the form as requested the amounts by plane and train.

I shall be happy to send you a check as soon as I receive the completed form.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

rha
Enclosure

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BURNSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

NOV 28 1955

Nov. 24, 1955

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I must admit to having lost or mislaid the expense account form given us at the Nov. 9 meeting; I would have written about this sooner, but felt sure of locating it either in one of my four offices, or in my car, or at home. Since it has not yet turned up, could I ask you to send me another one? I should also appreciate your finding out by telephone, and noting on the form, the following data which I noted at the time on the form now lost:-

Cost of one-way ticket, Eastern Air Lines, Greenville-Atlanta 10.10
1.00
11.10

" " " " Southern Railway, Atlanta-Greenville 4.69
was 6.41

I enjoyed the meeting at Tuskegee, and appreciate having been asked to attend it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Cameron F. McRae
Cameron F. McRae, M.D.

4.69 Southern Railway
11.10 Eastern Air Lines

November 28, 1955

Mr. Morris B. Abram, Atty.
1504 Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Abram:

I have copy of your letter of November 22nd to George Mitchell expressing your wish that your resignation as a member of the Board of Directors shall be considered effective. With great reluctance we will, of course, accede to your wishes.

Your service as a board member has been characterized by the highest degree of diligence, intelligence and loyalty. We will see you leave us with genuine regret but with the assurance, we hope, that you will always continue to be of such help to us as your circumstances permit.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

c c to George Mitchell

December 13, 1955

Mrs. C. M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

As is customary, we are sending a draft of the minutes of the Board meeting on November 9, 1955, to some of the members who were present at the meeting.

We would appreciate your reading and checking this draft to see whether or not in your judgement it adequately covers the various actions taken at the meeting. There may be some items that have been omitted and need to be included. Please return the draft to us with any corrections or notations you may care to make. We are enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:rh
Encls.

December 13, 1955

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

As is customary, we are sending a draft of the minutes of the Board meeting on November 9, 1955, to some of the members who were present at the meeting.

We would appreciate your reading and checking this draft to see whether or not in your judgement it adequately covers the various actions taken at the meeting. There may be some items that have been omitted and need to be included. Please return the draft to us with any corrections or notations you may care to make. We are enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convience.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

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December 29, 1955

Professor John A. Griffin
Emory University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear John:

You will remember that you and I gave our personal assurance to Mr. Haas that we would try to relieve him as General Counsel at the earliest practicable moment. I am sure that we would like to make good as soon as we can.

Won't you please have another conversation with Dean Hepburn and see if he can point to a satisfactory man to replace Mr. Haas. We ought to try to dispose of this matter at the New Orleans meeting if possible.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

c c to George Mitchell

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December 29, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street
Room E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

I have delayed acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 13th in the hope that you might under go some change of heart and decide to remain on the Board and the Executive Committee. Y our resignation would not receive final action until the next meeting of the Executive which will be held in New Orleans on January 20-21.

All of us would greatly regret the lack of benefit of your wise counsel at our meetings. Won't you write me that you will remain with us for awhile longer?

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:ejg

c c to George Mitchell

January 4, 1956

Mr. M. LaFayette Harris, President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Harris:

We are deeply grateful of having y
you on our Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 19, 1955

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Dr. George S. Mitchell
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your good letter of December 9, doing me the kindness as to proffer membership on the Board of The Southern Regional Council, is herewith acknowledged. Permit me to say I have always had great respect for this Body. I accept with pleasure your gracious invitation, and agree to do my little bit in serving the Council.

Most sincerely yours,

M. LaFayette Harris

M. LaFayette Harris
President

MLH:hc

M. LaFayette Harris

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 23, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO: STATE BOARD CHAIRMEN
STATE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF SRC

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: EVALUATION OF RESOURCES WITHIN EACH STATE FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

You may recall that at the Board meeting of SRC last November, a resolution was passed requesting each state organization to "submit to the Central Office a plan of its program for the year 1955, and that this be submitted by January 1, 1955."

Several of the states were not organized by January 1st, and several more were not sufficiently operative to comply with this request of the Board. A memorandum from the Central Office dated December 14, 1954, entitled "Criteria for evaluating program proposals of state organizations affiliated with SRC" raised certain basic questions to be considered by state organizations in planning their programs.

We are nearing the end of the first grant period from the Fund for the Republic. We need a clearer understanding of what the resources and possibilities are, and how effective the program has been in the various states. It would be helpful to us if you would address yourself to the following questions:

(1) What is your conception of the purpose of the state organization?
(2) What program has been inaugurated to implement the Court's decision?
(3) What problems have arisen in the course of operation?
(4) What are the prospects for the future?
(5) How can the Central Office be more useful?

We know this is an imposition upon your time, but we should be grateful for your answers by August 5th. We must submit the renewal request to the Fund for the Republic by August 20th and we need time to analyze the answers.

cc: State Exec. Dir.
Associate Dir.

GSM/eab

Ex-Officio members of the SRC
(Affiliated State Organizations)
Typed 11/3/55

Alabama:	Rev. Duncan Hunter - Chairman C. G. Gomillion - representative
Arkansas:	Fred Darragh - Chairman Mrs. L. C. Bates - representative
Florida:	Dr. Paul Finner - Chairman
Georgia:	Rev. G. E. Clary - Chairman B. R. Brazeal - representative (Fall of '53)
Kentucky:	Mr. W. H. Perry - Chairman Mr. Irwin T. Sanders - representative (10/12/54)
Louisiana:	Rev. Albert D'Orlando - Chairman Numa J. Rousseve - representative
Mississippi:	Rabbi Charles Mantinband - Chairman A. L. Johnson - representative
North Carolina:	Mr. R. D. Wellons - Chairman John R. Larkins - representative
South Carolina:	~~[illegible]~~ Mr. J. Claude Evans - Chairman Mrs. Marion Paul - representative (Fall of '53)
Tennessee:	Mr. F. Woods Beckman - Chairman Dr. Elsie Lewis - representative
Texas:	Mrs. James S. Crate - Chairman Mrs. Nanie B. Aycox - representative (Fall of '54)
Virginia:	Rev. W. Carroll Brooke - Chairman James M. Ellison - representative

NOTE: FLORIDA correspondence indicates that their July 29, 1955 meeting would elect a representative to SRC's Board. However, there is no record in our files of the July 29th minutes of the FCHR meeting.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU[redacted] ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 21, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

SUBJECT: CORRECTION ON MINUTES OF MAMMOTH CAVE MEETING, AUGUST 16-18, 1955.

On Page 9, the Minutes incorrectly give the amount each member of the Executive Committee hoped to give or get for SRC in this fiscal year as $1,000. Correct amount is $100.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

August 16-18, 1955

Opening meeting August 16th in Room 100 of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Parrish, Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All of the twelve Southern states which we undertook to organize now have paid staff. On the quotas of money to be raised by the state programs, Georgia and Texas appear to have met or exceeded their quota; Louisiana, South Carolina, and Alabama are regarded as safe; and North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas are lagging. Virginia and Florida are unpredictable, as they were organized so recently.

On the employment of associate directors in accordance with permission given SRC by the Fund for the Republic for a reallocation of state monies unused by reason of late starts, Mississippi and Arkansas have taken on full-time associates, and Florida and South Carolina seem likely to do so at any time. Virginia has a half-time associate, and consultants are being used on a satisfactory basis in Kentucky and Tennessee. No acceptable provision has been made yet for using associates in Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

Arrangements are proceeding for nominations in accordance with the changes made in the by-laws at the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Program Planning Committee was invited to attend a recent important conference of staff and outside persons at Atlanta University, and two members were present.

Little has been done toward raising funds for next year. There remains to be appointed a finance committee for the Upper South and one for the Southwest.

Work done by various of the staff members was touched upon briefly in anticipation of fuller reports from the staff members themselves later on.

New South now has something over 3,000 paid subscriptions. The arrangement for recruitment of subscribers through state organizations is proceeding satisfactorily. It should not be long before we will have 5,000 paid subscriptions.

Complications in obtaining tax-exemption from the U. S. Treasury for the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation were described, and the employment of Mr. Morris Abram as attorney to represent the Georgia

Committee (and also the SRC's interest) was set forth. As yet no official reply has been received to the appeal made by the Georgia Committee, and SRC, for reversal of the first only partially favorable grant of tax-exemption.

Kentucky has been granted full tax-exemption by its Louisville Treasury office. Mrs. Tilly stated that she had not been consulted about application for tax-exemption for the Georgia Committee.

Reference was made to attendance by state staff people at a two weeks Race Relations Institute at Fisk University of June, which was regarded as training expense (cost approximately $2,000).

As Mr. Wright had, months ago, requested that job descriptions and organizational charts be made available before executive sessions of the Executive Committee, these were handed out to members of the Committee.

The Executive Director reported that space was increasingly at a premium in the central office, and consideration was being given to the addition of removable partitions.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Mr. Routh

Reviewed the progress of the twelve states. In order reasonably to compress the minutes, only one or two highlights of the description of each state will be here given.

Alabama has over 300 members, divided into seven districts, of which five are so far organized.

Arkansas has an excellent board, representative of the state, and a fully integrated staff.

Georgia is seeking an associate director. Possibility of use of consultants.

Kentucky excellent success with consultants arrangement.

Louisiana proceeding on a basis of district organizations, but handicapped by lack of experience and of a representative state-wide board.

Mississippi. In absence of Rabbi Mantinband, Msgr. Brunini is acting chairman. Has just employed as associate director a white Methodist woman part-time.

North Carolina. Start has been slow, but progress not unsatisfactory. They need a more active board.

South Carolina. Has new state chairman, Claude Evans, editor of the Christian Advocate.

Tennessee. Proceeding well with a consultants' program. New acting chairman, Haskell Miller of Chattanooga. Has employed an office manager in lieu of an Executive Director.

Texas. Until recently not an impressive program, but much more acting since the meeting at Fisk University.

Virginia. Good board and good staff, but new as yet.

Florida. Took on staff August 15th.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Mr. Parrish

Mr. C. H. Parrish described the genesis of the idea of consultants in his Alabama trip for SRC in the Spring of 1954. He had then seen that this device would enable the use of top people, whose services could not be had on a full-time basis. He also questioned the wisdom of employing integrated staff just for the sake of having it.

He described the meeting held at Atlanta University August 10th and 11th of a number of top people suitable for use as consultants to SRC's central program. Among those present were: Robert Jones of the American Friends Service Committee, Harry Walker, Howard University; Emory Jackson, Birmingham World; Ruby Hurley, Southeastern NAACP representative; Lewis Killian, Florida State University; Whitney Young, Atlanta University School of Social Work; Hylan Lewis, Atlanta University; Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee; Lewis Jones, Rural Life Council, Tuskegee Institute; Lee Coleman, University of Kentucky; Francis Manis, University of Tennessee; Christopher Mercer, Associate Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations; Bonita Valien of Fisk University and the Southern Education Reporting Service; Edward Weaver, Atlanta University; A. L. Whiting, Morris Brown College; and R. O. Johnson, Atlanta University.

These persons had been brought together for two days for critical comment on the work and possibilities of SRC. The meeting had been of substantial help to the staff in shaping a proposal to the Fund for the Republic for funds to finance a long range consultants program.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. August 17th in Blue Room of Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Mr. Parrish, Elizabeth Brantley.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION - Mr. Fleming

Reported that under Duke grant arrangements had been made to take on a new employee, Miss Florence Irving, as combined librarian and reference assistant. She was to be in conversation with the Librarian at Duke University before reporting to Atlanta in order that the material she would file

might be brought into conformity with the filing methods in use at the Duke Library.

The information office has been helpful in sending out various books. Among them The Negro and the Schools, Schools in Transition, and Equality by Statute.

Mr. Wright expressed an interest in wider use of display devices in getting printed materials distributed. Mr. Fleming handed to the members of the Committee a photostated volume of clippings on SRC program as lately supplied to the Fund for the Republic.

Widespread information requests continue to come in growing volume. Mr. Wright raised the question of desirability of having someone on information staff whose time would go solely to promotion.

Mr. Fleming stated that this involved a matter of balance in terms of the whole staff. Information program is now handsomely subsidized, having, in addition to himself, an editorial assistant, a reference librarian in prospect, and some portion of the general clerical costs of the office. To add a promotion person would cost a good deal.

Wright. If money were available, could such a person actually earn salary by increasing distribution?

Fleming. Hard to answer. Circulation and distribution of publications are undoubtedly related to whole expanding influence of SRC. Each of the staff people is now a sort of willy-nilly promotion agent for New South, which is not the kind of publication that can be promoted like large magazines.

Routh. Additional place needed in the state organizations end for a high-type clerical person to handle office business when he is out in the field.

Parrish. Best use of New South is in the development of state organizations.

Fleming. Highest priority of the Council at present has to be given to state organizations, because that is the job undertaken, and it is really the sustaining part of the organization; a natural engine. Expansion of New South will be in proportion to development of state organizations.

Mr. Wright made the further suggestion that displays be arranged at religious and other conferences, and some discussion ensued as to the practicability of this.

Mrs. Tilly was of the opinion that it would pay to advertise New South in church organs.

WOMEN'S WORK -- Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Recent statement by the United Church Women of Georgia was believed to have been helpful in the present Georgia controversy on public school matters. Southwide meeting of church women had been fruitful of many local conferences, and Mrs. Tilly was still having a demand for further mimeographed findings or "Gleanings." State meetings following up that conference had been held in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Louisiana. And another to be held soon in Florida. She had been given a tiny budget from the Southern Regional Council, permitting a total of six such additional meetings at $200 each, but this was too little for the effort underway.

She had put in a good deal of time at camps for young people this Summer, and she thought with quite helpful results. Christopher said he would be helped by articles coming from Southern ministers on what the church could do in helping to dispell racial prejudices.

Discussion on ways in which New South could reach a wider audience. Mr. Christopher suggested that pictures be carried in each issue. Mr. O. B. Taylor of Knoxville, a medical doctor, influential in that town, was thought of as possibly quite helpful in getting additional people in Knoxville to subscribe to New South. He, Christopher, would be willing to list people he knows to be checked against SRC's contacts in Tennessee. Further discussion on ways of getting increased interest of union people in SRC and in New South.

Parrish. A certain degree of autonomy needs to be recognized in Tennessee (or any other state). Matter of training staff persons and training boards so that they can involve people who need to be involved. Tennessee has not long been set up and is now trying to raise money and make contacts in local communities. Has not yet had opportunity to get around and make contacts in the states with all persons who might be interested in working with the organization. Needs staff person to devote full-time to (1) approaching persons at the state level through existing organizations, and (2) approaching persons at the grass roots level to induce action. Limited resources (financially and staff-wise) and it is now a matter of reaching people closest to the seat of the organization and then spreading out. In favor of state organizations making contacts with people in the state who might make other contacts, but the difficulty of follow-up arises. Large cities are going to take care of themselves in the sense that leadership is available which can be mobilized to work; in smaller towns there are no organizations, and that is where the difficulty is going to be. SRC's function in larger cities would be to coordinate the activities of existing organizations; in outlying places, it is a matter of person to person contact to get things moving.

Wright. Wouldn't it be true that if resources are needed, the easiest and quickest way of getting them would be for the state directors to contact key men in labor, churches, etc.?

Fleming. Reexamined some of the assumptions under which SRC operates. Agrees that if you change conduct, ideas change. Now New South aims at people who are in position to make a change in group situations; institutions, organizations, etc., who are in position in some way to get things done within their own organizations. When that group changes its practices, then you are really getting an attitude. New South then is not aimed at mass audience, but at people who can achieve group or institutional change. The content of it is directed toward that end; showing organizations what has been done and what could be done in changing attitudes. As far as circulation goes, New South probably has a clear maximum of 20,000, if people are to be reached and reached well. Not trying to change people's attitudes, but there are some people who are of good will and don't know what to do and have to be told. For state organizations New South is an instrument to feed ideas to people who are persuaded, but don't know what to do.

Wright. Mr. Christopher's position is that we make New South sufficiently attractive to pick up curiosity, and then to draw subscriptions through that curiosity.

Fleming. New South is a twelve page magazine which comes out monthly, into which can be gotten 4,000 or maybe 5,000 words if squeezed. People who are not interested in what you are going to sell will hardly be persuaded to buy just on the strength of a picture. To do that sort of thing would require an entirely different kind of publication -- a regearing of the present format.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER - Mrs Alexander

She reported that the first grant period from the Fund for the Republic ran from April 1, 1954, through September 30, 1955. In that time, the Southern Regional Council was required to raise $40,000 independently of the FFR. Between the dates of April 1, 1954, and August 8, 1955, it had raised $46,102.98 exclusive of an additional $2,000 raised by the states, and paid into SRC as subscriptions to New South.

She then exhibited a preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955, and showing comparative figures of the twelve months period already elapsed. The preliminary budget was as follows:

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR -- October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956;
and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 months period
September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
Salary, Executive Director	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Salary, Secretary to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,500.00

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (cont'd)

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD (cont'd)	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
1/3 salary, clerk	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Social Security for all central office personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual meeting and Executive Committee meetings	2,080.06	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,260.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,813.01	4,500.00
Office supplies and equipment	4,500.00	4,000.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,354.17	3,500.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit fees	285.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Salary, Executive Assistant		5,000.00*
Sub-totals	$44,295.90	$49,460.00
INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Asst. Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	4,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary, Office Boy	328.50	300.00
New South Printing and Postage	3,770.58	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books and Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$18,715.41	$25,250.00**
PROMOTION-STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		
Salary, Asst. for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	for under state
Program Materials	200.00	training program
Sub-totals	$ 8,444.27	

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (cont'd)

WOMEN'S WORK	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants, etc.	893.37	2,000.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 8,500.00
Two clerks - July and August, 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
GRAND TOTALS	$89,011.41	$93,160.00

* Possibly to be financed under training program

** Toward this amount approximately $8,350 will be available as unexpended balance in the Marshall Field and Doris Duke grants.

She listed as expenses thus far charged to unexpended state balances, the sum of $30,000 for the coming fiscal year committed for employment of associates by the states; the Fisk conference; $500 borne by the Southern Regional Council for attorney's fee in the matter of tax-exemption for the Georgia Committee; the A. U. Conference August 10th and 11th; the special meeting of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave; and the employment of Irene Osborne at a total salary cost of $5,000, plus her travel for six months. This left a prospective balance in the state allocations of $12,500.

The Executive Director, in summarizing prospects for the coming year, said that he felt reasonably confident of raising the following amounts:

Church Organizations	$ 5,000
Labor Organizations	5,000
Small Foundations	1,000
Dues of Associate Members	500
Sale of Literature	3,000
New South, non-state	1,000
" state	5,000
Honoraria	1,000
Board and Exec. Com.	2,000

He thought that foundations known to be friendly might contribute an additional $7,500, bringing the total up to $31,000. In addition, we would carry over from the Duke grant and the Field grant approximately $11,500, making a grand total of $42,500. We are committed to raise $55,000 for the coming fiscal year, in order to meet our obligation to the FFR. If the figures just given are reasonable, we are still $12,500 short in prospect of enough to raise even the $55,000. The budget just shown (based on

approximately present personnel, plus an administrative assistant), was $13,000 in excess of the $80,000 available on the supposition that we raise the $55,000 and that the Fund for the Republic makes it expected contribution of $25,000 for the budget of the central office for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Christopher made a number of detailed suggestions as to possible sources of funds for the coming year.

The Executive Director reported on the undertaking by members of the Executive Committee to give or raise $1,000 apiece. $100 had been received from Crossman, Clement, Wesley, and Mitchell; Leonard Haas has raised $350; Mr. Christopher had just turned in $64.00 towards his hundred; and Marion Wright was to be credited with the $100 contribution received from Mr. David Stern. Two members of the Board had paid in $100 and it was hoped that others would do so by September 30th. Appropriate letters have been written out to the Board members by Mr. Clement or by the Executive Director.

Mr. Clement's effort with various church officials has brought replies indicating that we might expect later on to receive $1,000 a year from the church bodies.

Meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mr. Mitchell reported the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee, in a letter recently received. Mr. Richards has been elected to the position of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and it was obvious therefore that his time for outside activities was much curtailed.

Mr. Richards did not resign as a member of the Board of SRC, and he therefore continues in a term expiring at the time of the Board meeting in 1955.

Whereupon on motion it was agreed that the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards, as a member of the Executive Committee, be accepted with regret, and that the Executive Director was to write Mr. Richards re.

AWARDS PROGRAM

Mr. Mitchell described the proposal originally opened by staff members of the Fund for the Republic for awards to Southern communities which had done outstandingly well in school desegregation. The idea had been handed on to Mr. Wright who had developed it in a substantial draft, a copy of which was given out to those present. Subsequent discussion developed that it had been suggested that persons from the central office

of the Southern Regional Council would do the investigating as to the quality of performance by local communities; that the program was thought of as running for about a year, that the use made by the local school board of the money might be for any legitimate and unsegregated purpose in connection with the school. Some persons present saw virtue in stretching the program out over a period of two years. It was said that there is no time limit set in the proposals made. The Executive Director stated that it would be his purpose to write a letter to the Fund for the Republic and enclose the proposal just made, with minor changes, saying that it had the approval of the Executive Committee and the Council would stand ready to handle such a program if authorized and financed.

Mr. John Griffin, not present at this session, but later when present, stated that he doubted the validity of paying public bodies to do their duty.

Mr. Wright, in summarizing the review of the proposals, stated that "we are agreed on the wisdom of filing the proposal in substantially the form suggested, and the Executive Director may use his judgment as to modification and application of that proposal. It should be said that SRC did not undertake to define the purposes for which awards would be used, only limitation would be that it be used for non-segregated purposes."

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

MRS. HAMILTON'S REPORT

The Executive Committee, at its May 26th meeting, had requested a report from Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, then Assistant Director for Program. It had requested that her report, made on August 3rd, and duly distributed to members, be summarized by Mr. Fleming. The entire report here follows:

Date: August 3, 1955

Recognition of certain underlying needs of the Southern Regional Council was the basis for the questions raised in the annual report of the Assistant Director for Program. In the hope that the Executive Committee may give consideration to these needs, they are stated below. An analysis of central office functions and some suggestions for meeting the needs as defined follows in response to the request made by the Executive Committee in its May meeting. In developing the statement of needs and the suggestions for meeting them, I have benefited by the thinking of other members of the staff, although responsibility for the proposals made is mine.

NEEDS.--

1. To find ways to increase the participation and involvement of SRC Board and Executive Committee members in the planning and decision making of the SRC.

2. To develop clearer definition of the role of the SRC during the next two years of anticipated subsidy by the FFR; and for the subsequent time when the FFR grant shall have expired.

3. To achieve central staffing that can effectively handle the expanded functions of SRC in this period.

4. To achieve truly integrated staffing in both state and central office organizations.

5. To develop clear-cut standards for measuring the effectiveness of state organizations and to establish procedures for remedial action when minimum standards are not met.

6. To insure that fund raising required by state organizations is carried on without undue diversion from the main purpose and business of the organization.

7. To develop increased recognition that the problems with which the SRC deals are not uniquely southern, but are part of a larger national and international context and therefore require the understanding, involvement and cooperative efforts of individuals and agencies outside of the region working with those within the region.

THE RELATION OF PURPOSE TO PROGRAM

The purpose of an organization is basic to the determination of the program and of the means of program development of the organization. The following statement is regarded as a "working interpretation" of the SRC's purpose as it is reflected in its program goals:

> To encourage the development of an integrated society in the southern region; to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end; and to use a racially integrated organizational and administrative structure as a means of demonstrating within its own life the objectives which it hopes to achieve in society as a whole. This purpose has been described as a concern for the process by which things are done rather than with the result of what is done.

This purpose is consistent with accepted principles of social change, namely, that efforts directed toward changing the situations which determine behavior is the most effective approach to the change of attitude since changes in attitude usually follow rather than precede changes of behavior.

Effective organization depends upon channels for communication and division of responsibility between the professional staff and lay leadership. Specifically, this involves differentiation between the responsibility of groups which should determine the policy within which program develops, and the responsibility of professional staff employed to execute defined program functions.

It is the responsibility of the SRC through its Board and Executive Committee to determine the functions of the organization; the means through which these functions can be supported and maintained; the number and kind of employed personnel needed to discharge the functional obligations; the allocation of available financial resources in terms of the functions agreed upon; and the committee structure through which these decisions can be made, and through which the organizational experience may be evaluated in terms of changes in the social scene.

Continuous and regular evaluation of an organization's work, in the interest of improved functioning, is not possible without division of responsibility, delegation of authority and clear knowledge of who is responsible for what. It is essential that the decisions of the SRC Board, committees and staff regarding functions and execution of functions be consistent with its purpose - to demonstrate within its own life the objectives it hopes to achieve in society at large. This requires a deliberate consideration of race in the choice of staff and in the delegation of responsibility to staff. This consideration is a factor to be taken into account in addition to the usual considerations involved in determining professional competence for particular jobs. (See Table 1)

Program development of the SRC depends upon the following functions of the central office.

1. Interpretation of its goal and method to individuals and to regional and national groups, in the effort to develop support, both financial and moral.

2. Continuous program planning as a basis for determining the most effective use of the organization's resources in the achievement of its purpose.

3. Advisory and consultative services to affiliated state groups in order to further the development of a program consistent with the objectives of the SRC.

4. Information services, including publications, relations with the press and other media in order to extend the organization's influence for integration.

5. Program services for church women and church related groups in order to encourage and utilize their efforts in the extension of the SRC purpose.

6. Cooperative relationship with other regional and national groups whose purposes relate to those of the SRC, in order that there may be effective use of all channels and resources for achievement of its purpose.

7. Fund raising and support.

The maintenance of supporting office and clerical services is an essential function which is necessary to undergird all other. Uneconomical use of professional personnel occurs unless this is adequately provided.

On the basis of the foregoing analysis of central office functions - and of the present needs of the SRC the following suggestions for modification of structure and staff responsibility are made:

It is suggested that the two day meeting of the Executive Committee consider possible revision of committee and staff structure, as a basis for the request for a second year's assistance from the FFR and as a basis for the coming year's work. Among the possibilities which might increase involvement and participation of lay leadership are the following:

1. The establishment of a Program Committee as a recognized part of the SRC's machinery. This committee might be charged by the Executive Committee with the responsibility for developing an annual budget for the program proposals approved by the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the professional staff responsible for major program divisions. (Programs in states, information program, church related program, liason relations and wider interpretation.) Because of the changing context within which the SRC operates, it would seem desirable to reserve an unallocated sum annually for such other program projects as may seem desirable to the Executive Director.

The committee should be created with the power to act and would report its actions quarterly to the Executive Committee. Professional staff responsible for divisions of work would be expected to develop and present relevant information, including estimates of cost, in regard to proposals coming before the committee for consideration.

The development of personnel standards, including job description for professional personnel needed to fulfill the functions agreed upon, and standards for salary ranges and increments might be carried by a sub-committee of the Program Committee in order to insure coordination in requirements for the job functions decided upon.

2. The establishment of a Community Services Advisory Committee. This committee might be a useful means to continue the involvement of the persons who are participating in the evaluation of program undertaken in states. This committee might include such full or part-time regional "consultants" as may be related to SRC program in states, and such other persons as may be nominated by this group on the basis of their knowledge of and acquaintance with the influencing factors in the nation and region.

3. The establishment of a region-wide committee for Interpretation and Support. This committee would be composed of members of the SRC Board, and of Board members of affiliated state groups. The committee might need to meet as a whole, at least once a year in order to determine goals, division of responsibility

and an appropriate basis for sharing of funds between the regional and state organizations. It is thought that the committee would function by areas. The attendance of committee members, from time to time, in such program conferences as may be held within the states of each area, would tend to increase understanding of the goals and methods of the SRC by assuming responsibility for its interpretation and support.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DIVISION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE

1. The Executive Director might be freed to utilize more fully his gifts for interpretation and education in behalf of extending understanding of the SRC's purpose and of fund-raising for its support. This would enable an increased relationship with individuals and groups in the nation and region with which he has the most useful contacts.

   In order for this to be possible without detriment to other SRC program functions certain revisions in staff assignments and delegation of responsibilities would be necessary. It is therefore suggested that:

2. Provisions should be made in the central office for staff with responsibility and authority for the business administration, office management, and the coordination of administrative functions. (As distinguished from coordination of program functions.) The responsibilities would include fiscal management, supervision of accounting procedures, the preparation of fiscal analysis needed by staff and committees concerned with program, and the preparation of financial reports. These functions might be filled by one or more persons depending upon the skills of the persons available. (This involves re-definition of the functions of the position of Secretary-Treasurer.)

3. A full-time Negro field representative for the SRC with the professional status of assistant director should be employed. This should be a person qualified in terms of personal orientation to a philosophy of integration. It is suggested that his functions be defined as interpretation of SRC purposes and program to individuals and affiliated state organizations in an effort to strengthen the Boards of state organizations; and to carry the staff work involved in developing the region-wide and area committees for interpretation and support. (These functions might be those of one or more of the "regional consultants" - See 4 following.)

PROGRAM IN STATES

4. It is suggested that a group of professional consultants (full or part-time) be secured by the regional office for assistance

in program development in states. Their functions could be to assist in the development of leadership in states and at the community level. It is assumed that the evaluation of states' programs will be completed before the request for a second year's grant from the FFR is made; and that the evaluation will provide a basis for determining the type of assistance required from the central office in order to develop programs consistent with the SRC purpose.

This suggestion implies recognition that the central office is responsible for encouraging, strengthening and developing useful programs in the state; and that in many cases, such programs will be developed only with the assistance and guidance and leadership of the SRC regional staff. If unexpended funds in the account of state organizations are made available to the SRC for its second year's work, without sacrifice in the amount of assistance to states proposed for the second year, these funds should be designated for SRC use in the development of program in states. It is hoped that decisions reached on allocations between central office and state organizations, made at the time FFR grant was received, can be reviewed and revised in the light of developing experience. (See Table 2)

5. It would be useful for the present Negro Director for State Organizations to be maintained on a part-time basis. His responsibility might become the coordination of consultants services and of other efforts to develop leadership and program activity in states.

6. It is suggested that there be a "consultant for liaison." This function might be met by a part-time position and might include responsibilities for development of cooperative relationships with national and regional organizations whose program objectives relate to those of the SRC. The responsibility might also include the selection and distribution of materials from other organizational sources for use by consultants, and by other SRC program groups, (church women, etc.).

7. It is suggested that a main emphasis in the coming year be development of understanding and the initiation of an integrated way of work in states. This may be made possible in a variety of ways, depending upon the state, and upon the nature of its present Board and staff. Continuous evaluation of program and organization in states will be needed in order to determine weakness, and to provide assistance in correcting the weakness revealed. The functions of the regional community consultants might include such evaluation.

CHURCH WOMEN - CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM

It is suggested that work with church women be strengthened through a budget allocation which will permit the planning for meetings of church women in states and adequate travel funds to enable the Secretary for Church

Women to maintain regular contacts with the groups through which she works in behalf of the SRC purpose.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

In order to extend the audience for the SRC point of view through its Information Program, the following suggestions are made:

1. That the staff in the Information Program be increased in order to enable differentiation between editorial and promotion functions. Re-enforced by two additional staff members, the Director of Information could be asked to assume responsibility for development of reports, requests, and other materials needed to provide the SRC Board, foundations and other groups with an over-all interpretation of program efforts. His editorial skills and over-all comprehension of program could serve the SRC well if these responsibilities were thus delegated.

   Two additional staff assistants in the Information Program could then assume responsibility for the functions of (1) fact finding (Position of Information Assistant) and (2) promotion. (The professional staff in the Information Program would thus include four persons.) Designated responsibility and specific attention to expanding circulation of New South and other SRC publications, both within and without the Southern region and within and without the "membership" of state groups, would increase the income from publications as well as expand the usefulness of the information program.

   Additional travel funds allocated to the information program would permit the staff to increase its contacts and cultivate relationships with the press and other media.

In considering all of the suggestions for redefinition of staff responsibility, it is taken for granted that there will be flexibility, and that the competence of available persons will be a major consideration.

It is also taken for granted that the Executive Committee will re-evaluate the role of the SRC in this period and realistically appraise its resources. On the basis of this evaluation and appraisal the functions of the SRC and possible means to fulfill them can be determined.

TABLE 1

ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE BY RACE AND FUNCTION -- MAY 1, 1954-MAY 31, 1955
CENTRAL OFFICE

FUNCTION	TITLE	Salaries by Race WHITE	NEGRO	CLERICAL	TRAVEL	PRINT. & MATERIALS	OTHER	TOTAL
Adm. Interpretation Fund Raising	Exec.	$10,000		$3,000	$ 700			$13,700.00
Sec. Treas.		4,500		1,000				5,500.00
Special Projects	Menefee	1,733						
	Brewer	724						
	Jones		$ 150					2,607.00
State Org.	Asst.for	7,000	2,285	750	4,516			14,551.00
Program Devel'mt	Asst. for		7,750	750		$ 200		8,700.00
Church Rels. Program	Sec'y.	5,000		750	241		$ 893.00	6,884.00
Information Program	Dir.	7,000		3,050		6,640		
	Ed.Asst.	4,000						
	Infor. Asst.	4,000						24,690.00
All other overhead, etc.							18,060.00	18,060.00
Board					2,000			2,000.00
TOTALS		43,957	10,185	9,300	7,457	6,840	18,953.00	96,692.00

Total Grant for State Org. 1954-55 $158,000
Estimated Expenditure Sept. 30, '55 101,000
Estimated Bal. Sept. 30, 1955 $ 57,000

*Paid - through July 15
**Resv'd - to September 30

TABLE 2

PAYMENTS TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS FROM SRC
ACTUAL JUNE 1954 - JULY 15, 1955 -- ESTIMATED JULY 15, 1955 - SEPT. 30, 1955

NAME	SALARY EX. DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S.S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
ALABAMA (Paid*)	$3,958.27	$ $200.00	$1,317.73	$104.67	$3,064.48	
Resv'd**	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00	200.00	1,817.73	135.52	3,064.48	$10,217.73
ARKANSAS						
Paid	1,249.98	729.17	321.39	45.11	3,103.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,041.65	500.00	51.66		
	2,291.63	1,770.82	821.39	96.77	3,103.00	8,083.61
FLORIDA						
Paid for travel of Board members					592.60	592.60
GEORGIA						
Paid	5,624.91		2,083.31	95.81	1,302.25	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	6,666.56		2,604.13	127.06	1,302.25	10,700.00
KENTUCKY						
Paid	1,874.99	2,600.00	1,600.00	57.00	3,096.36	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,320.00	500.00	10.00		
	2,916.64	3,920.00	2,100.00	67.00	3,096.36	12,100.00
LOUISIANA						
Paid	5,624.91		1,879.16	291.03	1,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	$6,666.56		$2,399.98	$322.28	$1,800.00	$11,188.82

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TABLE 2 (continued)

NAME	SALARY EX.DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S.S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI						
Paid	$2,291.63		$ 536.86	$ 52.08	$2,044.67	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	3,333.28		1,057.68	83.33	2,044.67	$ 6,518.96
NORTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.33		1,304.17	91.08	3,080.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		500.00	35.00		
	5,000.00		1,804.17	126.08	3,080.00	10,010.25
SOUTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.27		1,328.05	88.87	3,080.28	
Resv'd	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00		1,828.05	119.72	3,080.28	10,028.05
TENNESSEE						
Paid		$ 150.00	397.74(O.M.)	8.08	1,509.80	
Resv'd		3,850.00	729.15 "	14.58		
		4,000.00	1,126.89	22.66	1,509.80	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expenses					932.57	7,591.92
TEXAS						
Paid	3,541.61		1,562.48	85.41	2,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		520.83	31.25		
	4,583.28		2,083.31	116.66	2,800.00	9,583.25
VIRGINIA						
Paid	208.33			4.17	1,500.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67	625.00	625.00	45.83		
	1,250.00	625.00	625.00	50.00	1,500.00	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expense of SRC staff in Virginia					634.47	4,684.47
TOTALS	$42,707.95	$10,515.82	$18,263.33	$1,267.08	$28,540.48	$101,299.66

TABLE 3

ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS - ESTIMATED COSTS
SRC. - CENTRAL OFFICE - 1955-56, ACTUAL COSTS - MAY 54 - JUNE 55

FUNCTION	TITLE	PROF'L SALARIES	BK.-KP. CLERICAL	TRAVEL	MAT.&/OR PRINTING	CONFER-ENCES	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL ESTIMATES
INTERPRETATION & FUND RAISING	Ex.Dir.	$10,000	$ 3,000	$ 700			$ 3,000	$16,700	(16,308) $16,700
GEN. & FISCAL MANAGEMENT	Bus.Mgr.	6,000	3,600					9,600	12,000
			2,400					2,400	(5,500)
INFORMATION PROGRAM				500	7,000			7,500	
	Director	7,000						7,000	
	Ed. Asst.	4,000						4,000	
	Info. "	4,000						4,000	
	Prom. "	4,000						4,000	26,500
									(24,690)
PROGRAM IN STATES			3,000	10,000		$13,000		26,000	
	Coordinator	3,750						3,750	
	Consultants	30,000						30,000	
	Asst. for Org.	7,000						7,000	66,750
									(14,551)
LIASON & MATERIAL			1,500	500	200			2,200	
	Consultants	3,750						3,750	5,950
									(8,700)
CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM			1,500	1,500		5,000		8,000	
	SECRETARY	6,000						6,000	14,000
									(6,884)
OVERHEAD							19,000	19,000	19,000
									(18,060)
BOARD EXPENSE							2,000	2,000	2,000
									(2,000)
TOTAL		$85,500	$15,000	$13,200	$7,200	$18,000	$24,000	162,900	162,900
									(96,693)

(Figures in parenthesis are actual figures for 1954-55)

TABLE 4

ESTIMATES OF COSTS AND INCOME IN RELATION TO SRC PROGRAM FUNCTIONS
CENTRAL OFFICE AND IN STATES 1955-56

	COSTS		
I.	Subsidy to States*		$126,000.00*
II.	Central Office		
	1. Program development in States	$66,750.00	
	2. Information Program	26,500.00	
	3. Church Relations Program	14,000.00	
	4. Liaison and Materials	5,950.00	
	5. Interpretation & Fund Raising	16,700.00	
	6. General and fiscal Administration	12,000.00	
	7. Overhead	19,000.00	
	8. Board and all other	2,000.00	
			162,900.00
	Total		$288,900.00
	INCOME		
	1. Anticipated FFR Assistance		
	a. For Program in States*	$126,000.00*	
	b. For Central Office	24,000.00	
	c. Balance - 1954-55 Grant	57,000.00	
			$207,000.00
	2. Balance - Duke and Field Grants	$ 13,804.00	
	3. Field Fund Assistance 1956	5,000.00	
			$ 18,804.00
	4. Needed from other sources		$ 63,096.00
	a. Special Grant for Program Development in States		
	b. Other		
	Total		$288,900.00

*State organizations have been told that the second year's assistance from the SRC would be as follows:

Salary for Director	$ 5,000.00	
" " Associate	2,500.00	
" " Clerical Asst.	2,500.00	
Toward other costs	500.00	
		$ 10,500.00
In June, 1955, State orgs. were assured an additional..... to permit an equal salary of an associate.	$ 2,500.00	
		$13,000.00

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On the basis of these earlier proposals $156,000.00 would be needed for direct subsidy to twelve states. The amount estimated for direct subsidy assumes a state-by-state appraisal of possibilities for program development consistent with SRC purpose, and assistance from the central office to organize or remedy existing organizational weakness in certain states. With these assumptions, it is estimated that $13,000.00 for direct subsidy will not be needed for all states.

Subsequent discussion was participated in by Mr. Parrish, Mr. Routh, Mr. Dent, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, and others.

Dent. Extent to which the Council should influence programs on the state level and the selection of personnel on the state level? Believed that as the grant was to the Southern Regional Council and not to the state organizations, SRC has the responsibility for the program which goes on in the states. SRC can't shirk that responsibility behind the guise of democracy and keeping things at the grass roots level. Has the responsibility for setting up a general program. Re clarification of functions between policy making and administration and whether Executive Committee and Board of Directors are fulfilling responsibility. Does SRC have the staff to administer program when it is properly set up? There is a need for clear distinction between what is policy making function and administrative function which belong to the staff, and it is the first point raised in Mrs. Hamilton's memorandum -- whether we are proceeding properly in good administrative procedure?

Christopher. Inclined to agree with Mr. Dent, but does not know how it is going to be done. Does not know how to get Executive Committee together to come to grips with the problem. Is afraid that some of the things recommended in Mrs. Hamilton's report are not practical in application. Proposals are wonderful, but execution of them is another matter. Need money and time to find and train people. Have got to get Executive Committee together to sit down and talk things through from the beginning, without interruptions and without half of them leaving.

Wright. Suggested that three members of the Executive Committee who were present sit down together and go over Mrs. Hamilton's memorandum.

Dent. It is a staff responsibility to work out program, but it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to work out policy.

Mitchell. Suggested that Mrs. Hamilton be compensated for work done on her report in the amount of two weeks pay, computed upon the basis of her salary at the time she left the Council.

Dent. Suggested that the Executive Director submit a recommendation re paying Mrs. Hamilton at the next session of the Committee.

Wright. Had the impression that the report was to be prepared during the two or three weeks before the termination of Mrs. Hamilton's employment with the Southern Regional Council.

Dent. The Executive Committee asked for the report and if Mr. Mitchell thinks she should be paid the thing to do is to pay her.

Mitchell. Mrs. Hamilton has a nice orderly mind, but SRC has a disorderly piece of machinery. He would certainly not recommend a sweeping reorganization of the Council. Is satisfied with the pace of change within the staff. Thinks that when funds are available and changes become right and feasible, it becomes a matter of administrative effort to see to it that they are made. In the matter of continuing Mr. Parrish -- he certainly proposed to do so. Many of the things recommended are finding themselves into practice. Have added money to the states' budgets for associates. One of the recommendations is for a series of sub-committees of the Executive Committee. Believes that the Executive Director would be too boxed in, and that it would be pretty hard to do anything. Would strongly object to that. A program committee must consist of persons in and around Atlanta. Does not think a small number of people in a single city should have final policy power over the show. A personnel committee has been in operation for a good long time. It has not laid down criteria, but it has laid down salary scales. Has never assisted any formal move to lay down criteria, just thinks that there is no criterion in the South today as to who is competent to put together a state organization and make it work. Thinks SRC is better off in the state groups for having the attitude of being willing to use native talent that seems to be of high quality, rather than by carefully prescribed standards. In summary, staff and Executive Committee are doing pretty well, and Executive Director would not welcome an injunction laid on him to work more closely with a variety of committees, but would follow the dictates of the Executive Committee.

Discussion turned to implications of Mrs. Hamilton's report on fund-raising, and emphasis was given to the desirability of further cooperation with the states in this matter.

Mr. Dent raised the point that, as set forth in Mrs. Hamilton's report, a disproportionate amount of salary money was going to white personnel as against Negro personnel.

Mitchell. The dates of the preparation of the table are important -- table was prepared May 31st. Secretary-Treasurer has moved into Negro bracket, also newly hired Information Assistant.

Dent. Expressed concern for the total picture, which stacks up quite to SRC's own disliking.

Wright. To what extent does the Executive Director recommend that SRC more nearly arrive at equality?

Mitchell. Mrs. Alexander for Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Irving for Information Assistant, and a vacancy for a $7,500 Program Director balances the figures a great deal.

Mrs. Tilly stated that she had had dreams of having a Negro woman to work with her in the office, but for the moment her first need was for getting more money to bring church women together. Also, there was a need for additional clerical help.

Wright. How much money would be needed to run Mrs. Tilly's department?

Tilly. At least $5,000 to maintain contacts, not only by states but also within the states.

Dent. Wondered if persons in the South are not impressed more by accidental rather than purposeful reading. Not sure that promotional person to expand New South is quite as important as one paragraph in the daily press and newspaper and magazine articles.

Fleming. New South's audience is highly selective -- people who can use the kind of material it contains. Agrees with Dent that there is much better audience through mass media; wonders whether full-time promotion person to uncover mass audience for New South would not be a very great luxury.

Final meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m., August 18th, in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mr. Wright took the position that the Executive Director is a member of the Committee ex-officio, and that as the by-laws did not specifically prohibit his being counted as a member of the quorum, it could be taken that his presence provided the fifth member for a quorum. But he said that efforts should be made to get approval, of any actions taken by the meeting, of some additional member of the Executive Committee.

In order to make doubly sure the existence of a quorum, at the instance of those full members of the Committee who were present at Mammoth Cave, Mr. John Constable was asked to review with Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a member of the Committee who had been unable to attend, all major actions. Mrs. Birnie, on August 31st, wrote the Executive Director, "This letter, in addition to my letter to you of August 26th, last, will serve as my answer to the poll of the members of the Executive Committee, and my approval of all actions taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting of the Executive Committee."

Wright. Executive Session of the Committee would make such decisions as it thought should be made in view of Mrs. Hamilton's report.

Griffin. It is of critical importance to get further involvement of members of the Board.

Wright. If, when the Executive Director makes his report of activities to members of the Board he would invite those members to make criticisms or suggestions as to what further actions might be taken, a member who did not

avail himself of the opportunity to criticize or express his opinions could not consider that he had been deprived of his right as a member of the Board.

Mitchell. On Mrs. Hamilton's being paid for her work on the report, recommended the sum of $350, as the best information he had is that it took about two weeks to complete the report.

PROPOSAL TO THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

The Executive Director read the tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic, asking for continuance of grant in the coming fiscal year. The final letter was as follows:

August 19, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is the request from the Southern Regional Council for continuance of aid from the Fund for the Republic for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955.

The letter of grant dated April 2, 1954, in referring to periods after the first eighteen months, reads:

> "The Fund will give consideration to requests for a grant in 1955-56 of not to exceed $150,000 and a grant in 1956-57 of not to exceed $110,000. There is no commitment or intention on the part of the Fund to support the program of the Council after September 30, 1957."

Our letter of March 15, 1954, envisioned a total sum available from the Fund for the Republic for the twelve months October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956, of $22,847.50 for the central office of SRC and $125,433 for aid to the state programs. We would hope that these figures, particularly the $22,847.50, will be rounded upward.

As to financing the state programs, we are content with the amount just set out. For the typical state, that means aid from the second year's grant of about $10,500 with about $3,500 to be raised by each state organization. The longer organized state groups should be able to raise the needed amount without too great strain. The newer ones, staffed within the last few months, will find it harder. But the Fund for the Republic has materially eased the task for them by the terms of your letter

of May 25, 1955, enabling the carry-over to the state programs, under given restrictions, of some of the 1954-55 allocations for state programs unused (by reason of late starts with staff) in the current fiscal period. We feel satisfied that the twelve state organizations we have going will be able to continue as planned in the fiscal year 1955-56.

On the central office, we foresee problems, and ask for some further help, over and above that forecast in the original letter of grant.

The Southern Regional Council originally requested help from the Ford Foundation in May, 1951, after, of course, many months of careful preparation of the proposal. There seemed then to be time enough before any crisis period would be upon the South the organize in advance twelve state movements, and get them in condition to carry corrective program when the anticipated strain of desegregation, in various forms, would be upon the South. Generous as was the grant from the Fund for the Republic, its actual date was April, 1954, and the crucial decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter of the public schools came in the next month. The grant perforce had to be trimmed to what seemed the smallest possible amount for getting state organizations going. Specifically, in an effort to flow into the states the maximum of funds for their needs, we agreed to a minimal central office, deemed by us, and I suppose by your own staff, only barely enough to let us go out and organize twelve state movements and give them safe administrative supervision from a central office in Atlanta. Proceeding in the terms of the 1951 request, we were hoping that such a minimal supervisory office would be enough.

In actual fact, history has telescoped the need for supervision of a field organization and the need for rapid training of the field staffs in program looking toward desegregation. The two needs have run concurrently, and will do so for the second grant period, and to some degree probably for the third. Yet we in the central office have only sufficient funds for a routine administrative program, and cannot, under present circumstances, pay for the leadership, detailed instruction, and implementing guidance which the state organizations urgently need.

An obvious answer would be "if you need more, go out and raise it." We are committed already to raising by our own efforts, independently of the Fund for the Republic, $55,000 in the second grant period and that is quite as much as we can realistically undertake.

The Southern Regional Council is the only Southwide organization, having interracial policy-making bodies at the regional level and in the twelve states, helping with the problem of adjustment to the Supreme Court decision on the schools. These state boards consider problems, assess resources and their application to the problems, guide the staff, raise funds and work for improved human relations in their areas. How well they fill these functions is terribly important, not only to SRC's program, but to the success or failure of the South's adjustment to social change.

The people who make up these boards are not skilled technicians of social change; they are laymen and women of good will who believe in democracy. To the extent that we can increase their sensitivity to problems, their understanding of possible action, and their skill in relating to professional staff we will have increased the probability of success. What is proposed then is an adequate training program for these all-important and unique lay boards; a service which the central office cannot compass with only its present staff.

The device for work in this matter with state board people will be self-analysis, by way of evaluation conferences, by such state board people in company with the Program Director of SRC and several of the proposed special consultants. Such conferences should be held in each of the twelve states at least once in the coming fiscal year, and twice in six of the states. Total such evaluation and training conferences, eighteen.

In addition to program work of this kind with the state boards, the Southern Regional Council should call in to training and program review meetings twice each year the principal staff persons (usually two) from each state.

The entire training program should be coordinated by a Program Director travelling from the Atlanta office, and suitably underpinned with clerical help.

The bulk of the training work, both for the state boards and for state staff, would be carried by special consultants, appointed by the central office. They would number from three to six. They would be well versed in community relations and would have experience and skill in processes of desegregation. Examples:

Dr. Bonita Valien, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Dr. Mozell Hill, Atlanta University, Georgia
Dr. Hylan Lewis, Atlanta University, Georgia
Dr. Harry Walker, Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Lewis Killian, Florida State University, Tallahassee
Dr. Dan Dodson, New York University Center for Human Relations
Dr. G. D. Wilson, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
Dr. Miller Ritchie, President, Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.
(Floridian, long in charge of the Department of Human Relations, University of Miami)

They should draw $50 a working day, plus travel at about $100 a trip. About three such consultants would be used for each training or program review meeting.

The growth of the work in the central office, including undertaking the training effort, makes it highly desirable to add to the Atlanta staff an administrative assistant to the Executive Director. He would be an office manager, would have charge of budgets, and would give answers to field inquiries within agreed policy. The services of such an assistant will release the Executive Director for more policy and program work.

A small sum should be available to meet occasional travel costs of state board people, and for contingencies in the development of the program. A moderate allowance is made for space, supplies, and telephone and telegraph.

The figures for this implementation program are these:

Program Director	$ 7,500	
Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director	6,000	
Clerical	6,000	
Social Security	470	
Travel, Program Director	2,000	
Consultants' Fees	4,000	
Travel of Consultants 50 trips @ $100	5,000	
Training meetings of state staff	5,000	
Travel of an occasionsl state board member, and contingencies	3,000	
Supplies, space	500	
Telephone and Telegraph	800	
Total		$ 40,270
Less, unspent balance of 1954-55 allocation for states		10,000
Sum requested for implementation program		$ 30,270

Here is a summary of our total request for 1955-56.

Estimated Cost of proposed additional services to state organizations	$40,270	
Unspent balance 1954-55 state funds to be applied	10,000	
Proposed increase of grant	$30,270	$ 30,270
Regular request for renewal		
Central Office	$ 25,000	
State Organizations	125,433	
Total	$150,433	$150,433
GRAND TOTAL		$180,703

We do not burden this letter with an account of our stewardship for the first grant period now coming to an end. We have reported in detail for each quarter, and your staff is familiar, from its own travel, with our successes and our shortcomings. In addition, full audit reports

have been filed for each quarter, and another audit, with an eighteen months summary for the first grant period, will be filed shortly after September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

/s/
George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
Encl [carried below in full]

NOTE ON FUND-RAISING 1954-55

The Southern Regional Council for its central office has raised as of August 11, 1955, independently of the grant from the Fund for the Republic approximately $47,000. If certain subscription payments from SRC's state organizations to the central office be allowed as funds raised by the central office, the amount raised by August 11th will be raised to $49,000. But these same payments are considered in the first instance as sums raised by the states toward the amount which each state must raise in order to qualify for assistance from SRC in SRC's second fiscal period.

As of August 11, 1955, the degree of success by the state organizations in raising their pro rata amounts, independently of grants to them from SRC, was approximately as follows. The word "approximate" is used as figures are taken from state reports without as yet advantage of audit.

The column "to raise" means the sum specified by SRC as the amount for each state to raise. The modal figure, it will be recalled, was $1800 based on the assumption that each state would begin with staff October 1, 1954, and continue thus to the end of the fiscal year. In cases where the quota set by SRC exceeds $1800, staff was taken on earlier than October 1st in the states, and we have required that staff employed prior to October 1, 1954, be paid for by the states. In some instances, also, the modal quota of $1800 is increased by reason of salaries higher than the $5,000 which SRC was able to provide for principal staff personnel.

Sums markedly less than $1800 are calculated on a pro rata basis month for month of operation with staff. Thus six months of operation with staff yields a quota of six-twelfths of $1800; two months of operation with staff yields a quota of two-twelfths of $1800 (plus in some instances, increases in pro rata quota by reason of higher salary payments at the instance of state programs).

UNAUDITED REPORT ON STATE MONEY-RAISING
August 11, 1955

STATE	BEGAN WITH STAFF	TO RAISE	JULY 31 HAD RAISED
Alabama	October 1, 1954	$1800	$1600
Arkansas	April 15, 1955	825	150
Georgia	June 1, 1954	2400	3536
Kentucky	November 1, 1954	1650	702
Louisiana	June 1, 1954	3000	2650
Mississippi	January 1, 1955	1350	600
North Carolina	October 1, 1954	2800	1000
South Carolina	October 1, 1954	1800	1200
Tennessee	June 1, 1955	700	170
Texas	November 1, 1954	1690	1790
Virginia	July 15, 1955	825	--
Florida	August 16, 1955	350	--

The Southern Regional Council is confident that all, or virtually all, of the states will meet their quota by or before September 30, 1955. All states were notified in the beginning, and renotified months ago of the amounts of their quotas and of the firm requirement that they be raised. In addition, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, meeting August 16, 17, and 18, 1955, resolved that states failing to raise their quota would receive no assistance in the coming fiscal year until they had met their past as well as current fund-raising obligation.

Subsequent discussion elaborated the functions and duties of an administrative assistant;raised the proposed compensation of consultants from a first-suggested $25.00 to $50.00; provided additional funds on supplies and communications; and at various points improved the language of the presentation.

Wright. Would like to see another paragraph added re having in mind in the near future to submit proposals for other projects.

Mitchell. Strongly urged that this not be done. On the success or failure of the request depends SRC's whole financial setup.

Wright. If, within a few days, we would submit to them proposals which they have invited, wouldn't you advise that it be done?

Mitchell. Thought it was agreed that proper procedure was not to include awards proposal in this letter.

Dent. Agreed with the position that awards proposal should not be included in letter of request. When it gets to presentation before the Fund for the Republic Board, they also have a limitation of funds. It would be

better to submit request for grant as "this is what we want," and other proposals as "this is what we would like to have."

Wright. Agreed.

Mitchell. It seems to me well if the letter bore not only my signature, but also the signature of Mr. Wright and Mr. Clement. He had drafted a forwarding letter which would cover that function.

This was read and accepted by the Committee.

Mitchell. In the budget which was set out tentatively yesterday, the salary of an administrative assistant was listed at $5,000, but it should be $6,500.

Wright. Does not know if at all possible to amend general letter with idea he has in mind. Should have a very substantial item in the general budget for contingencies. Should have a task force of two or three people to go to communities where friction may develop. The Fund for the Republic might respond to the idea of a fairly large contingency.

Parrish. Already have an item for associate directors in the states. There is a possibility of some difficulty in hiring associates, and there may be some unused funds in the allotment at the end of the coming year. Has any arrangement been made for using the funds for other purposes?

Mitchell. Believes the thing to do is to feed consultants into the state organizations.

Wright. Does SRC have discretion as to use of funds set aside for associate directors?

Mitchell. Certainly has discretion from Fund for Negro personnel in the states. Would not divert it to white persons or to other purposes.

Fleming. The spirit of the thing was to enable states to use fully integrated staff.

Dent. Fund for the Republic should agree with any adjustments which are made by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Committee.

Mitchell. We have one untouchable allocation; namely the distribution as between central office and state funds. Has never been constrained to any stated allocation as between states, just the difference between central office money and state money.

Griffin. Use of consultants. Haven't talked enough about the Council's being in position to do any kind of fact-gathering and research; some of the consultants indeed may be used to prepare training materials.

Mitchell. To put that in the request would weaken it.

Dent. Dependent upon the states having to raise $1800 this year, they lose $10,000 for the next year. If they can't raise $1800 in order to get $10,000 he would just as soon see the operation closed.

Upon motion it was agreed that any state which, at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rata quota would have its assistance cut off until it meets its first year and current requirements.

Wright. Should try to keep a little leeway in that.

Mitchell. Along about April, '55 wrote a letter to chairmen of each state organization about the amount a particular state had to raise.

Dent. Motion makes it desirable for the Executive Director to send a letter to each state Executive Director on the necessity for meeting terms of the Fund for the Republic grant.

Upon motion, the letter to the Fund for the Republic requesting continuance of aid to SRC was unanimously approved.

Discussion turned to fund-raising in the states. Mr. Dent spoke of a considerable weakening of the work of the former New Orleans Committee on Race Relations after the establishment of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Mr. Fleming stated that in his personal capacity as a friend of one Adam Yarmolinsky, employed by the Fund for the Republic in matters pertaining to legal profession, he, Fleming, had been consulted as to a proposal in preparation for a legal reporting service fashioned in some sense after the work of the Southern Education Reporting Service in Nashville. Mr. Wright had been consulted as an interested lawyer, and had written in that he thought such a program should be put forward as an official proposal from the Southern Regional Council.

Wright. Ideal administrative setup would be a director and an editorial board of Southern law professors from several institutions, including Negro professors of law. Service would be less likely to fall under the curse of outside interference if it were coordinated by a Southern agency (such as SRC), than if it were directly run by the FFR.

Fleming. Had some word that negotiations had been entered into with the Vanderbilt Law School.

Wright. Would SRC care to submit proposals to Ford people?

Fleming. Personal view -- Fund for the Republic is very eager to set up something that would be unassailable from the point of view of the profession. They are also eager to set up a service which will not be unduly vulnerable to charges of bias, in that they are trying to reach attorneys of all persuasions.

Wright. If SRC were approached, would it be well-advised to accept?

Mitchell. Bad social policy. Thinks the lawyers ought to do it on their own. Believed it hopeless to persuade FFR to stake SRC to it, and that the Board of the Fund for the Republic is going to look in another direction.

Dent. Most SRC would do in such a service is to serve as a fiscal agent. Believed that it would be necessary to go outside SRC for actual work of service. Would rather see SRC do it than not have it done at all.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approved the proposal (though not necessarily the exact language) with regard to awards to communities for desegregation progress, and urged the Executive Director to carry through on it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that if the opportunity is presented to the Southern Regional Council to sponsor a legal reporting service, the Executive Director is authorized to set it up.

The Executive Director referred to another recommendation from Mr. Wright that an early article for New South catalogue and describe the cost of legal services state by state in combating the public school desegregation law suits. Discussion revealed that while this would not be an easy article to get together, by common consent it would be an extremely useful one.

There being no further business before the present session, the Executive Committee adjourned into an Executive Session, at the conclusion of which the President, Mr. Wright, prepared the following summary of actions in Executive Session.

1. It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer forward to Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton the Council's check in the amount of $350, in compensation for her services in the thorough and painstaking report which she had prepared, and which was widely discussed at this meeting. In addition, the President was directed to express to Mrs. Hamilton the Council's appreciation of her services in this regard. This action was pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Director.

2. It was moved and carried that the sense of the Executive Committee was that the office of Administrative Assistant was vital to the success of the Council's program; that this office should be filled without regard to the action taken by the Fund for the Republic on the Council's application, this day approved; and that the Personnel Committee should immediately prepare a job analysis for the position and attempt to fill it by October 1, 1955.

3. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that, once the budget was adopted, there should be no reallocation of funds within the budget without the approval of the Executive Committee and no commitment or proposal for use of any of such funds otherwise than as stated in the budget without the approval in advance of the Executive Committee.

4. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director), should be present with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine.

5. The Executive Director was requested, as promptly as possible, to notify the Executive Committee of meeting dates for the ensuing year, in order that conflicting engagements may not be entered into.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

GSM/eab
9/15/55

November 15, 1954

TO: G.S. Mitchell
Executive Committee

RE: Amendment to the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council approved by the SRC November 10, 1954

Article V.

Present Section 4 should become Section 5.

Section 4. Nominating Committee

There shall be a Nominating Committee of not less than five members. Three members shall be elected by the Council from its membership at its annual meeting, and one of these shall be an "ex-officio" member of the Council from an affiliated state organization. Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the President and the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall meet not less than thirty (30) days before the annual meeting for the purpose of nominating (1) members of the Council, (2) officers of the Council, (3) members of the Executive Committee and (4) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 23, 1954

AGENDA

INVOCATION

Minutes of Board meeting November 10

Procedure re approval of minutes of Board meeting

Procedure re staff questionnaire

Resolution from Executive Committee to Mr. Mynders expressing appreciation for his years of service to SRC as an officer

Matter of a Treasurer and Finance Committee

Incorporation of By-Law amendment re Nominating Committee

Program planning committee

Next meeting of Executive Committee -- date

Implications of Board meeting November 10

Other business

Adjournment

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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APPROVAL OF BD. MINUTES OF 11/10/54

These are extra copies made especially for this file of the Executive Committee's meeting February, '55.

December 9, 1954

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We've never had a workable device for getting approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

The meeting of the Executive Committee on November 23rd asked that you and Mr. Barbare and Mr. Moron be a committee to review the minutes and make corrections or give approval, pending final approval by the 1955 Board meeting.

We are holding the stencils of this draft. If you will be good enough to correct or approve we will get the minutes out to the Board membership in general.

Extra service you will be doing, but an appreciated one.

Return envelope attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

December 9, 1954

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton Institute, Virginia

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Dr. Ralph Barbare
Winthrop Training School
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

December 23, 1954

Mr. Carter Wesley
The Informer
P. O. Box 3086
2418 Leeland
Houston 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

You rejoice us with the definite promise to come to the February meeting.

For the moment we can only tell you that it will almost certainly be February 19th or 26th. Will you mark both on your calendar and we will let you know shortly after Christmas which is which.

I am glad Sutherland seems to you a good fit.

My warmest wishes to you and Mrs. Wesley.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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2418 LEELAND
HOUSTON 3, TEXAS

December 15, 1954

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

First of all I am writing primarily to wish you a Merry Christmas, so I'll do that and get that in.

I am going to make you a definite promise to come to the meeting in February, regardless of what happens, short of death in the family or of some close friend. Have your secretary let me know as soon as you can what the date will be, and I'll buy my ticket early and burn all the bridges behind me, so that nothing can knock me out.

I sort of had to write a letter for Tom Friedman, and if you noticed, I merely told you that he was available. I think everybody in the organization here was happy to get Mr. Tom Sutherland.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

Carter Wesley

/d

P. S. I guess I should have said I will come any date in February except the fourth Tuesday, as that is when our Freedmen's Publishing Company Board meets.

CWW

THE MARKET
• 2,800,000 PEOPLE
• PLENTY MONEY
• WILLING TO BUY
• AWAITING INVITATION

February 9, 1955

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H:

If you can break loose to come down for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council here in Atlanta Thursday, February 17th, it would be a good thing for us. Meeting starts about 10:00 and knocks off about 3:00 or 4:00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

February 14, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

I hasten to get to you in tentative form an Agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee on Thursday, February 17th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Morris Abram

TENTATIVE AGENDA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 17, 1955
10:00 a.m.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 410
Atlanta, Georgia

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INVOCATION

MINUTES

IN RE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING 11/10/54

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF PERSONNEL

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

TAX-EXEMPTION

IN RE LOYALTY CERTIFICATE

REPORT OF PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE
Morris Abram, Chairman

MATTER OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

ALTERNATE SIGNATURE POWER

POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

12:30 LUNCH - RECONVENE AT 1:30

February 14, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I hasten to get off to you and to Rufus Clement a tentative Agenda for the meeting February 17th. Harold is drafting a possible statement. He is considerably influenced by your detailed one, but for the time being we would propose that the Executive Committee think in terms of something shorter and useable a bit later on when we expect that adventitiously it would be widely used.

Your analysis we like, and think that there will be a proposal for its use.

I have long thought that somebody else besides me should have the power of co-signature on SRC checks. Obviously when I am away there is embarrassment about how things get paid.

As to bonds. I am bonded for $40,000, so is Katherine Stoney. The bond we have covers any other officer of the Council up to $10,000. So it costs us nothing to permit another officer to sign, provided we do not attempt to cover the other officer for sums in excess of $10,000. I can't imagine Katherine Stoney, as Secretary-Treasurer, proposing any check as big as $10,000, and certainly no check in excess of that sum, for an officer only bonded up to that sum.

The problem I want you to put your corporation experience on is that of drafting a resolution of the Executive Committee which would make the banks docile to aiding an additional recognized signature. The Executive Committee has its choice of Harold Fleming, Grace Hamilton, or even Fred Routh or C. H. Parrish, all four being Assistant Directors. On seniority it belongs to Fleming. But seniority need not rule.

My lay draft is as follows:

> The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, being the competent body under the By-Laws of the Council, by this instrument empowers _____ to countersign with the Secretary-Treasurer, official checks on the Council's money in capacity as Assistant Director whenever the absence of the Executive Director makes this desirable.

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Morris Abram and I attempted to persuade Edward Vincent to be Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. Willing to be a member of the Finance Committee, but doesn't want to be Treasurer and Chairman. So we still have the problem of finding a Treasurer and Chairman.

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Come down as early as you can and stay as long as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: HCF

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

February 17, 1955

The meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge (First Floor) of the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta.

Ten members of the Executive Committee were present as follows:

Marion A. Wright, President
Rufus Clement, Chairman
Gordon Hancock, Vice-President
Carter Wesley, Vice-President
Leonard Haas, Counsel
Morris Abram
Paul Christopher
John Griffin
Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
Philip Hammer
Miss Josephine Wilkins

After the brief Executive Session, members of the staff came into the meeting as follows:

George Mitchell
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
Anna Holden
Katherine Stoney
Elizabeth Brantley

Invocation was given by Mr. Gordon Hancock.

The Minutes of the preceeding meeting, having been circulated to members, were taken as approved.

The Executive Director reported that the Minutes of the Board meeting November 11, 1954, had been sent out for approval to three members of the Board; Dr. Ralph Barbare, Dr. C. G. Gomillion, and Dr. Alonzo G. Moron, and that as two of them had returned the minutes with approval they would be put in this form before the next meeting of the Board for formal approval.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER STAFF PERSONNEL

Mitchell

The Executive Director spoke of travel to Norfolk, Virginia, Anderson, South Carolina, Alexander City and Sylacauga, Alabama, Petersburg, Virginia, Arlington, Virginia, Montgomery County, Maryland, Shreveport and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and to other points generally to meet with

small groups and further the idea of informal open interchange between local white and Negro citizens on methods to bring about integration in the schools. In addition to these general groups, he had been invited to appear before several trade union bodies.

Other travel had included a meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, several trips to Virginia in the interest of getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations going, a trip to Kentucky for the meeting of the Southern Police Institute, and other meetings of people at work in this general field.

State organizations with staff were listed as: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Texas. Those organized, but without staff were: Tennessee, Arkansas, and Florida. In Virginia it was expected that a meeting to occur in Richmond February 22nd would launch a Virginia Council on Human Relations. The staff had made it clear to the states slow in getting organized that financial assistance to these states would be on a pro rata basis for the months of organized activity, although some assistance would be given these states in meeting the expenses of the organization.

Some members of the Committee called attention to the portion of the finance report showing the smallness of sums collected by the various states. It was explained that these sums represented monies collected in January, 1955, with many of the states still in an organizational stage.

Parrish

Mr. Parrish had been in seven or eight of the states since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, usually in company with Fred Routh. His particular role, he felt, was that of building up a communications resource between white and Negro persons. He described the form of organization in use in Kentucky, saying, among other things, that it had a particular use in making it possible to send white consultants to Negro communities and Negro consultants to white communities. In his view, not enough news was reaching the people of the South about the valuable developments toward desegregation, and he hoped that the Council's efforts could result in some correction of this imbalance.

Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton described two visits to conferences of the Kentucky consultants, and spoke in praise of the planning underway in that state. She said that the one thing that the Southern Regional Council has to sell is a process, the working together of individuals of both races in equality and with a common concern. She gave some discussion of the work underway in North Carolina, Tennessee, and several other states.

Fleming

Described the newly issued Changing Patterns in the New South; the prospect for the Southern Regional Council to assist the distribution of Lillian Smith's new book, Now is the Time; and discussed the new format

and contents of New South, the February issue of which was made available to members of the Committee. Mr.Wesley, Mr. Clement, Mr. Wright, and others urged that a major proportion of the time and resources of the Council go into promotion of the Council's publications.

Mrs. Tilly

Mrs. Tilly described the forthcoming meeting of church women on February 24th and 25th in Atlanta. The women would be coming from most of the states in the lower South, from some parts of the upper South, and a chosen few leadership people from the various denominational or inter-council offices. Mrs. Tilly stated that her work is hampered by the small amount of money she has to work with, and expressed a desire for increased resources for the work with church women.

REPORT ON PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Abram, as Chairman of this Committee established by the preceeding meeting (November 23, 1954) of the Executive Committee, and composed of himself, Mrs. Birnie, Miss Wilkins, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hammer, and Mr. Richardson. They had met five times and had reviewed with conscientious care and detail the program and planning activities of the Council. A series of questions put forward by the Committee for information and discussion were read as follows:

1. In the opinion of the Executive Committee, what were the specific and binding commitments implicit in the grant to the SRC from the Fund for the Republic?

2. Did the Supreme Court decision of May 17th have significance for the Southern Regional Council in meeting these commitments?

3. Are there critical situations in the South which broaden the obligations?

4. What is the responsibility of the Board in fulfilling the Southern Regional Council's commitments implicit in the Fund's grant?

5. The individual responsibility of a Board member?

6. What is the responsibility of the Executive Committee, as the body empowered to act for the Board?

7. The individual responsibility of a member of the Executive Committee?

8. To what extent is the Board assuming its responsibilities?

9. To what extent is the Executive Committee assuming its responsibilities?

10. What information between meetings do the members of the Board need?

11. The members of the Executive Committee?

Mr. Abram, in review, said that it could not be said that they had reached any conclusions; that they, realizing that the work of the Council had been cut out for it since the decision of May 17th, had recognized that it had been necessary to expand the Council very rapidly and that it was still working with limited funds; they had been aware of the good work done in setting up state organizations, and they had all agreed that a good job had been done by the staff. Various factors, mostly relating to the Supreme Court's decision, had made it difficult for the SRC to get prestige support for its program. He suggested greater participation by members of the Board, improvement of finances, and improvement of the form in which matters are brought before the members of the Executive Committee for decision and discussion.

Mr. Hammer, as another member of the Program Planning Committee, said that a good deal of discussion had been given to whether the flow of events subsequent to May 17th had had the effect of changing the real conditions on which the grant from the Fund for the Republic had been made to SRC. Before the decision of the Supreme Court, he said, the Council's program was conceived without considering this change, and should now be regeared. That might mean going back to the Fund for the Republic and urging reconsideration as to whether the Council should continue with its present three efforts at information, development of state organizations, and trouble-shooting (what he called "across the board" type of commitment), as against concentration of all effort and funds on expediting compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. If the latter were done, it would mean a far different role for the central staff. If it were still a basic principle that we go across the board, it means that a lot of our efforts are going to be focused on the long-run effort in the states. He said that the biggest thing discussed in the Planning Committee was the participation of the Board, because if the Council is going to continue with something like its present program, the job is so vast and the Council's efforts so scattered, it will mean a very close relationship between the Executive Committee and Board and central office, and the full participation of all. There is still some question, he said, as to the extent of participation in the organization as a whole, and the matter should become the concern of each member of the Council.

Mr. Abram felt that the central staff could use some additional money so that it could do an effective job in the various hot spots as they appear. For instance, if funds were available, he thought that the Council staff could work against the Citizens' Councils in Mississippi which, if permitted to jell, will impede integration for a long time to come. He felt that the needed funds could be raised if members of the Executive Committee and members of the Board assumed responsibility for doing so.

Miss Wilkins said that the main thing discussed in the Committee meetings was the present tense situation in the South. When people are semi-hysterical, they are going to be susceptible to new ideas in order to be comfortable, and they are going to get their minds crystallized into new ideas. The Council is going to have to take the lead in meeting this. While it doesn't have much money, it certainly has much more than ever before. Other organizations like the Citizens'Councils are at work. She reviewed the actual commitments to the Fund for the Republic. These

were: (1) to get going in twelve Southern states local organizations which, after a period of three years, would be self-supporting; (2) to give leadership to state groups as far as program is concerned; (3) to raise funds on a degree-of-matching basis, and (4) to keep the Council tax-exempt. She wondered if the Council really felt the responsibility in regard to these commitments.

Mrs. Birnie said that the members of the Executive Committee had in the past inadequately discharged its own responsibility, leaving too many things to central office staff personnel.

Mr. Abram, in summary, expressed the view that it was a great mistake for the central staff to have to worry about money for minor details of organizational effort. He wondered whether there could not be a reassignment or reallocation of funds? Could not enough money be raised or found so that the central staff could function under the terms of the grant? If the central office is undernourished because of funds, he believed that SRC should go back to the Fund for the Republic and ask for reallocation of unused state funds, for operating the central office, stating that the Supreme Court's decision made this imperative.

At this point the Committee adjourned for the luncheon interval.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Miss Stoney said that copies of the annual audit had been mailed to members of the Executive Committee before February 17th. She quickly reviewed the principle figures in the audit, and presented January and some February figures. For this meeting of the Executive Committee it had not been possible to get out current finance figures in advance, but for future meetings, she would plan to let the Executive Committee know the finance figures as currently as possible, at least a week before each meeting. Attention was called to the item of interest earned on the funds held by the Council.

TAX-EXEMPTION

The Executive Director brought up this matter which had arisen by reason of an application by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, now currently assisted by SRC, for formal tax-exemption. Only partial exemption had been granted in the Treasury's preliminary ruling, and an appeal had been made on behalf of the Georgia Committee for a hearing in order that full tax-exemption might be obtained. Suggestions were made of other states on which the test issue of tax-exemption might suitably be made. Among them were Tennessee and Kentucky.

LOYALTY CERTIFICATES

The staff had circulated to members of the Executive Committee, previous to this meeting, a notice that in one instance a state chairman had, on grounds solely of conscience, refused to comply with the request for a statement that the employed staff of his state organization were believed by him to be loyal. This was necessary for compliance with the

arrangements made by the November 23rd meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Wright moved that the Executive Director be authorized to suspend the requirement in any instance when the person felt that he would violate his conscience by signing such a statement.

A substitute motion by Mr. Christopher that the Committee rescind its former action was withdrawn upon the ruling of the Chairman of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee had no power to annul the action of the Board of Directors. The motion formally passed was "That it is the policy of the Board in cases where in local organizations on conscientious grounds the certificate is not made, that the Executive Director of the Council be empowered to make the certificate, if, in his opinion, the person is loyal."

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON REPORT OF PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Executive Director stated that he deplored the age-old thinking that the South is unique, and saw no long-range necessity for an SRC. The emerging pattern for human relations programs in most parts of America is local organizations. The present effort of the Southern Regional Council is to get going, while the Council continued in life, state agencies which could look forward to becoming permanent and perhaps state-aided bodies. The money received from the Fund for the Republic had been for central office expense and for setting up state organizations. A clear commitment had been given to the Fund for the Republic not to spend for central office operation a greater proportion of the total grant than had been agreed upon. If more funds are needed for the operation of the central office, it was the Executive Director's opinion, such funds should be raised by the Council itself. He thought that it would be a breach of trust if money earmarked for the states was used for the central office. He rejected all reasoning that the Supreme Court decision had not been expected, stating that for months before the Supreme Court's decision he and other members of the staff had said repeatedly and in public that the decision would be a stern declaration of principle, with provision for moderate delay and adjustment in application. This had been the decision which had come from the Court, and the type of organization forecast and undertaken by the Southern Regional Council had been, in his view, neatly adapted to the situation presented by the Supreme Court's decision. He said that the state organizations were weak as yet, and in some instances not as aggressive as he had hoped that they might be. But he thought that they were wisely and constructively planned and would be taken up by the better forces in the South. Generally speaking, he stood firmly by what had been committed and said that unless directed otherwise, he would continue to administer the Council's program toward the fulfillment of those commitments.

Mr. Abram said that at the last meeting of the Program Planning Committee, the Committee had been convinced that staff personnel had a clear grasp of the pre-planned program. But that the point of difference was that the Committee thought it important that the central office get funds necessary to enable it to do the things that they knew ought to be done, and to free all members of the staff for full performance in accordance with their duties. He thought that for lack of those funds the Southern Regional Council would suffer, and increasingly so. He

suggested that if the matter of promotion of Changing Patterns, for instance, were laid before the Fund for the Republic, that they would regard a freeing of funds for that purpose as statesmanship rather than as a breach of faith. He agreed that it would be a mistake to go back and request more funds, but suggested that it was practicable and in keeping with the total commitment to make it known to the Fund for the Republic that the central office needed so many thousands of dollars to do the things which the Council ought to be doing. The Executive Director said that the right answer to that is that the Southern Regional Council ought to raise x-thousand of dollars.

Mr. Abram said that the role of the Council is that of working with other organizations to meet a crisis, and required greater resources than at present seem practicable. He moved that the Executive Director should feel morally and legally free to charge to state organization funds, not only travel and direct expenditures in connection with the organization of and services to state organizations, but also the attendant overhead and other costs of operation of the central office, and that sufficient funds therefore be made available to the central staff. And that it is the consensus of the Executive Committee that the Executive Committee be made responsible for the allocation of these funds.

The Executive Director stated that he would consider the motion as advisory and not directive, and in the absence of direction on that point would not comply. After discussion Mr. Abram withdrew his motion.

The Executive Director said that it was necessary for the Southern Regional Council to raise money within the South to get these jobs done. He suggested that as a starter the Executive Committee make it clear to the Board that each Board member should get or give $100 before September 30, 1955, and that the Executive Committee should begin this itself.

To further questions by Mrs. Birnie and Mr. Griffin as to why travel expense in assistance to state organizations could not be charged to them, it was replied that in certain instances this was being done -- but under carefully circumscribed limitations.

Upon motion of Mr. Abram, it was recommended to the Board by the Executive Committee that "It is the policy of the Executive Committee that each member of the Council be asked to get or give $100 a year." It was amended by Miss Wilkins to say that "In our meeting of February 17th, the Executive Committee pledged itself to get $100 each, and we are asking the other members of the Board to join us." The motion was carried as amended.

Mr. Wright asked the Program Planning Committee to draw up recommendations and present them to the next meeting of the Executive Committee. He said that in particular it was an urgent need for the Executive Committee and the Board to play a more intimate part in the whole procedure of the Council.

Mr. Abram suggested that some members of the Executive Committee and the Board be asked to discuss with various members of the central office staff the work being done, and said that in the field of policy a committee could be arranged.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Parrish said that it would seem desirable that a finance committee of the Board begin to make connections with the finance committees in the states. If there is an interchange of ways of getting money within the states, then all the states could profit by the success of others.

The Executive Director reported that Mr. Edward Vinson has agreed to serve on a Finance Committee, although he is not willing to accept the chairmanship of the Committee. Various members in discussion pointed out that all, or most, members of the Finance Committee might come from the Board, and that whoever was elected as Treasurer might become a member of the Board.

Mr. Wright undertook early conference with the staff in order to agree upon personnel for a Finance Committee.

POSSIBLE STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fleming, after discussion of suggestions for a statement made by Mr. Wright and others, read a first draft of a proposed statement calculated to say something to encourage people whose impulses are right, but who are discouraged by the general climate and to emphasize the Council's own position at this stage. Discussion revealed that the Committee was agreeable to authorizing Mr. Fleming to reduce the length of the statement for release; that the statement should carry the names of members of the Executive Committee; that the statement be sent to Board members with official notice of adoption of the statement on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Hancock made the motion that the Executive Committee issue such a statement, and the motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Director made the motion that some additional member of the staff, along with himself and Miss Stoney be authorized concurrently to sign checks. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, being the competent body under the By-Laws of the Council, by this instrument empowers Harold C. Fleming to countersign with the Secretary-Treasurer, official checks on the Council's money in his capacity as Assistant Director.

The cooperation of the Executive Committee in disposing of the Council's stock of Answers for Action was requested. The publication is still going well, but in a few more weeks or months will be made out of date by the new decision of the Supreme Court.

The Executive Director proposed that the next annual meeting of the Board be held in New Orleans, and was authorized to make inquiries among the members of the Council, and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Executive Committee meeting ~~12/6/54~~

February, 1955

1. Complete membership of the Nominating Committee.

2. Approval of Bd. Minutes (Gomillion, Barbare, and Moron)

3. Take up what to do about letter re loyalty in Louisiana from Mr. D'Orlando. Original incoming to be submitted.

Tax exemption

MT.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
April 15, 1955

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Dear Board Member:

Here is some report for the months of January, February, and March, 1955.

TRAVEL AND SPEECHMAKING

Mrs. Tilly has worked with church women groups in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. And she plans in the coming months to follow up the meeting the church women had by further work with her friends in their own areas.

Mrs. Hamilton represented the Council at a meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House in Washington on March 17th and 18th.

Harold Fleming, among other trips, represented SRC at a planning meeting for the Aaronsburg Assembly in Pennsylwania.

Fred Routh in his rounds as organizational director, has been much called upon for policy advice, public and private.

C. H. Parrish helped with meetings in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, and Arkansas.

George Mitchell travelled too much: Two or three times to Richmond in getting the Virginia Council on Human Relations started, and once each to Alabama and Florida for meetings of their Councils; to Detroit to preach at a Congregational church; to Washington for an NAACP Youth Legislative Conference; to Cincinnati for an annual banquet of its Urban League, to Chicago for meetings of school teachers and of the Council Against Discrimination, and for sessions with the chapters there and at Milwaukee of the American Jewish Committee; to Terre Haute to talk at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; to Norfolk for an annual meeting of the Women's Interracial Committee; to Petersburg for a session with the local chapter of the Virginia Teachers Association; a fund-raising stop at a central Indiana city with speechmaking and incidentals; a talk at Miami to the King of Clubs; another at Louisville before a session of the Southern Police Institute; others before church groups in Sylacauga and Alexander City, Alabama. In Atlanta, a classroom talk or two at a local college and an appearance before a Georgia Tech faculty group would complete the list.

CHURCH WOMEN TO ATLANTA

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, in charge of women's work for SRC, invited into Atlanta for a two-day gathering February 24th and 25th, a conference of church women from the Southeast, meeting as the Fellowship of the Concerned.

The meeting was made possible by a grant of $1,000 to the Council from the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

The women who came in included 14 Southern Presbyterians, 19 Methodists, 7 Baptists, 4 Episcopalians, and scattered numbers of various other religious bodies. In all, every denomination in the South was represented, and also Catholic and Jewish faiths. Some came as from the state councils of church women, or as from the National Council of Churches, or from the YWCA. Eight or ten Negro church women were included among the group. A good proportion of the ladies were oppressed by the reluctance of ordinary middle class townspeople in their areas to discuss reasonably compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. But quite a number had arranged local church-sponsored discussion meetings at which the subject had been opened and plans had been made for ultimate compliance. Much of the meeting went into formulating clear, truthful, and reasonable answers to the twisted and fear-laden arguments which the women found current in their communities.

It was a good example of the way in which Southern people, religiously motivated, can plan together to get religion more deeply into the life of the South. Some few of the women will have got less than they hoped for from the meeting; but the great majority were pleased with the opportunity to exchange facts, ideas, and encouragement. By and large the note of the meeting was that quiet effort to bring the truth to the fore would succeed.

ATLANTA OFFICE - SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

We have added to our information staff Mr. John Constable, Jr., who will assist Harold Fleming. Otherwise the central office remains as in our last account.

The Program Planning Committee from the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met periodically during the last several months with various staff members, and most phases of the Council's program have been reviewed and subject to comment and criticism. The Program Planning Committee reported to a meeting of the Executive Committee February 17th. Both the staff and the Executive Committee have found the reviews helpful, and they will continue.

The meeting of the Executive Committee authorized consideration of New Orleans as the place for the next November's annual meeting of the Board of SRC.

Incidentally, the Board has been strengthened in recent months by acceptances of membership on it received from Mr. Hollis Rinehart, an attorney in Miami, Florida; and also, previously unreported, Mr. Philip Hammer, a planning consultant, Atlanta, Georgia.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The February meeting of the Executive Committee bestirred itself about the election of a Finance Committee. In subsequent events, Mr. Morton Weiss of Atlanta agreed to serve as Treasurer of the Council, and a number of people in this and other cities are being officially asked to serve on a Finance Committee. And a couple of leading editors in Southern cities have agreed to get in touch with suitable local citizens and ask them for contributions to the Council. In addition, the members of the Executive Committee undertook contributions of $100 apiece, and the recommendation is being made on behalf of the Executive Committee to all the Board members of the Council to contribute similarly. These are not great moves in themselves, but they indicate a firmer purpose to proceed with the task before us.

COMPANY

Visitors from abroad again. Listed because we are hoping to get some help in the matter of getting them informed.

Akira Iwai, Director, Planning Department, Japan National Railway Workers Union, Yokohama, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Yojiro Kurokawa, President, Central Executive Committee, Japan National Railway, Locomotive Engineers Union, Tokyo Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Manjiro Mokumoto, President, Central Executive Committee, All Japan Express Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Chuzi Koreeda, Chief, Organization Department, Japan Federation of Synthetic Chemical Workers Union, Hokkaido, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Jinsuke Mitsumura, Vice President, All Japan (Postal) Communication Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Gensaku Sugiyama, Chief, Planning Division, Central Executive Committee All Telephone and Telegraph Workers Union, Tokyo, Japan. Sponsored by the U. D. Department of Labor.

Michael Adams, England. Journalist, British Broadcasting Corporation.

Clyde Sanger, Guildford, England. Journalist.

Andrew Bonar-Law, Fowey, Cornwall, England. British Army

S. Tas, Paris, France, Journalist.

Nicholas Chatelain, Paris, France. Correspondent for "Le Figaro."

Olaf Radkie, Attorney, Metalworkers Union, Frankfurt, Germany. Sponsored by State Department, Labor Exchange Program.

Werner Meyer, Editor, Fraekische Presse, Baureuth, Germany. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Wilhelm Riepekohl, Neurnberg, Germany. Chief Editor of Fraenkische Tagespost. Sponsored by Governmental Affairs Institte.

R. H. Hafferkorn, 9 Eichendorffstrausse, Speyer 1 RHW. Germany, German Foreign Service Officer. Referred by the British Consulate in Atlanta.

Mrs. Hedwig Meermann, Moehringerstrasse 88, Tuttlingen, Germany. Member of State Committee of Social Democratic Women, a free lance journalist, and lecturer at the Tuttlingen Adult Education Center. Sponsored by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

Jean Bertrand, Chief, Division of Plans supplementing Social Security, French Department of Labor. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Bernadette Faure, Division Chief of the Association of Metallurgy and Mines. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D. C.

Michel Cordeviola, Regional Inspector for Enforcement of Social Laws in Agriculture. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Remy Moreau, Chief of the Methods Department of the "Phenix Vie" Insurance Co., 33 rue Lafayette, Paris. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

Andre Lienard, Actuary, Chief of the Group Insurance Department and Director of the Benefit Plan of "La Sequanaise" Insurance Company, 4 rue Jules Lefebvre, Paris 7 eme. Sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration.

STATES

Here is a rundown on the twelve.

Alabama

Had a good big once-a-year meeting February 8th at Montgomery. Total of 240 people there, and were more widely representative of the state than in any previous such meeting. Elected new officers. Chairman now Reverend Duncan Hunter, First Methodist Church, Alexander City. The Executive Secretary has been keeping a close watch on the Alabama upshoots of the white "Citizens' Councils." Dr. James Pierce, Professor of Sociology at Alabama State College, Montgomery, is serving as "consultant."

Arkansas

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations, after a careful screening of nine candidates, has employed as its Executive Director, effective April 15th, Mr. Nat Griswold, formerly field representative of the American Friends Service Committee, and as its half-time Associate Executive Director, Mr. Christopher Mercer, an attorney. They will open an office at Little Rock.

Florida

The Florida Council for Human Relations in the course of recent meetings has chosen a new set of volunteer officers. The new president is Dr. Paul F. Finner, 930 West Park Street, Tallahassee. Florida is actively seeking staff and should employ it within a short while.

Georgia

Mr. Wells, the Director, has continued to be greatly in demand as a speaker before local civic groups, interracial committees, and school and college assemblies.

Kentucky

The business about using consultants scattered over the state instead of loading their expenditures on to a single central office staff seems to work. The consultants have been doing things in more than twenty counties. The appropriate committee of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations has been working with school officials in the Louisville area and elsewhere on problems of desegregation.

Louisiana

The New Orleans group from the Louisiana Council met March 13th, with convincing evidence of purpose and skill. The problem is to extend the organization over the rest of the state. Apparently the next few months will go mainly into that effort.

Mississippi

Met some weeks in Jackson for their annual gathering. Reelected Rabbi Mantinband of Hattiesburg as chairman. Mrs. M. S. Lyells has been employed as Executive Director. An office has been opened in Jackson. Papers are moving along toward incorporation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations under the Mississippi Statutes.

North Carolina

North Carolina is getting ready for its annual meeting April 26th at Raleigh. Dr. W. H. Brown of North Carolina College (Durham) is serving as "consultant." Trying to get local committees going over the state.

South Carolina

Most of the time has gone into knitting up friendships and understandings with state and local organizations such as AAUW, leagues of women voters, PTAs, councils of church women, education associations, and school people.

Tennessee

The Council group in this state some weeks ago chose someone to be the principal staff person, but this office did not approve the selection. Partly in consequence, the Tennessee Council is shifting to the Kentucky plan, proposing to use a high-type clerical person in their central office, and the services of consultants widely spaced over the state. That probably fits the Tennessee situation better than the previous plan. It has the additional merit of requiring a sounder degree of preliminary organization before the Tennessee Council on Human Relations launches itself.

Texas

Met at Austin in late February with goodish attendance, drawn from widely scattered parts of the state, and representing religious, labor, education, and community groups. They have asked the Hogg Foundation, which specializes in matters of mental health, to inquire into the relationship of segregation and discrimination to problems of mental well-being.

Virginia

The Virginia Council on Human Relations was launched as an organization at a meeting in Richmond February 22nd. Thirty-some people of considerable distinction and representative of a wide variety of interest in the state had by that date agreed to be members of the small body which the Virginia Council will be. A clergyman at Staunton, Reverend W. Carroll Brooke, was chosen as temporary chairman, and committees were appointed to prepare by-laws, to nominate officers, and to select employed staff.

Dates of Staffing

All of which is to say that in each of twelve states in which we undertook to get going a statewide race relations agency, such an agency has been launched. The dates of their taking on paid staff will be of interest:

Arkansas - April 15, 1955
Alabama - October 1, 1954
Georgia - June 1, 1954
Kentucky - December 1, 1954*
Louisiana - June 1, 1954
Mississippi - January 1, 1955
North Carolina - October 1, 1954
South Carolina - October 1, 1954
Texas - November 1, 1954

*Arbitrary date!

That leaves Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia still unstaffed. Florida has picked its Executive. The others will come along in the next few weeks, and are better left to proceed soundly at their own pace.

Money-raising by the States

The states which got going with paid staff October 1, 1954, are required to raise on their own $1800 before September 30, 1955. Those which began later, smaller goals pro rata month for month.

As of March 31st, here are the approximate figures:

Organization	Goal	Amount Raised
Alabama Council on Human Relations	$1800	$ 811.80
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation	1800	2,513.00
Kentucky Council on Human Relations	1500	182.00
Mississippi Council on Human Relations	1350	243.00
Louisiana Council on Human Relations	1800	970.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	315.00
South Carolina Council on Human Relations	1800	1,008.50
Texas Commission on Race Relations	1650	1,100.00*
Tennessee Council on Human Relations	750	--

*Informal report

	Goal	Amount Raised
Arkansas Council on Human Relations	$ 825	--
Florida Council on Human Relations	750	--
Virginia Council on Human Relations	750	--

The four states which have raised nothing had not on March 31st employed staff.

For most of the states, considering that these first months have gone mainly into building their organizational lines, the results so far are encouraging and promise success in the matter of raising the amounts required in this first period of SNC aid. We do not by any means judge the program usefulness of a state council by its success in raising funds, but it is a matter to which we are required to be attentive.

CENTRAL OFFICE FINANCES

Miss Stoney's report, as Secretary-Treasurer, is attached.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

Emory University, Georgia
April 15, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. for the period January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules together with comments, comprise this report:

Exhibit A -	Balance Sheet, March 31, 1955
Exhibit B -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Central Office
Exhibit C -	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, State Organizations
Schedule 1 -	Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank, March 31, 1955
Schedule 2 -	Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Company, March 31, 1955

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $5,352.64
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,259.06

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at March 31 were confirmed by correspondence with depositories. Schedules 1 and 2 contain details of the reconciliation of the two accounts.

Savings Accounts - $155,000.00

Savings certificates amounting to $60,000.00 were verified. Savings accounts amounting to $95,000.00 were confirmed by depository banks. Of the above amounts, $35,000.00 belongs to the Central Office and $120,000.00 to State Organizations.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $250.00

This amount represents pamphlets on hand at March 31, 1955 at cost.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,658.84

This consists of Income Taxes withheld and Social Security taxes for March, 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Accounts Payable - $1,444.15

These represent current operating expenses for March, which were paid in April.

Due to Special Projects - $1,020.86

The amounts shown in detail belong to the three groups specified on Exhibit A.

Advance Appropriation - $106,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers operations for the next six months.

Surplus - $54,034.76

The substantial increase since December 31, 1954 is caused by an excess of the allocated amount for this quarter from the Fund for the Republic grant over the amount disbursed to State Organizations.

Exhibit C indicates that eight state organizations are set up with staff and three are in the process of organization.

In our opinion, the attached statements fairly reflect the financial condition at March 31, 1955, and results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 1955 of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

LEC:s

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia
Balance Sheet
March 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - (Sch. 1)	$ 5,352.64	
Cash In Bank - State Organizations (Sch.2)	4,259.06	
Savings Accounts	155,000.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	250.00	
		$ 164,861.70

LIABILITIES

Accrued Payroll Taxes		$ 1,658.84	
Accounts Payable		1,444.15	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	579.79		
State Divisions	100.00	1,020.86	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.09	
Advance Appropriation:			
Fund for the Republic		106,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 110,826.94
Surplus, March 31, 1955			$ 54,034.76

Exhibit A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1955		$ 46,435.78
Contributions:		
Individuals	$ 995.00	
Organizations	1,600.00	
Churches	1,345.00	
Foundations	7,850.00	
Members Dues	26.00	
New South Subscriptions	972.50	
Interest Income	536.33	
Sale of Literature	1,486.64	
For State Divisions	28.00	
Honoraria	410.00	
Total Receipts		15,249.47
		$ 61,685.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries Paid	$ 13,373.98	
Rent	315.00	
Travel	1,657.56	
Printing	2,333.97	
Telephone & Telegraph	309.68	
Postage	639.26	
OAB Taxes	240.61	
Georgia Sales Tax	4.54	
Bank charges	1.35	
Accounting Fees	90.00	
Books & Magazines	287.06	
Paid to State Divisions	13.00	
Executive Committee Meeting	224.99	
Office Equipment	401.51	
Office Supplies	281.37	
Miscellaneous	21.28	
1954 Accounts Payable	502.47	
Consultants' Fees	525.00	
Special Services	109.98	
Total Disbursements		21,332.61
Balance, March 31, 1955		$ 40,352.64

Represented by:

First National Bank - checking	$ 5,352.64
C & S Bank of Atlanta - savings	35,000.00
	$ 40,352.64

Exhibit B

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - State Organizations

January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955

Receipts - Amounts Raised by Various State Organizations for their Local Use**

	Contributions	Members Dues	Sale of literature	Misc.	Total
Alabama	$ 134.80	$ 666.00	$ 90.60	$27.10	$918.50
Georgia	660.00	433.00			1093.00
Kentucky		100.00	18.40		118.40
Louisiana	450.00	417.00			867.00
Mississippi	54.00	189.00			243.00
North Carolina	100.00	156.00			256.00
South Carolina	420.49	435.50			855.99
Texas	No report				
Totals	$1819.29	$2396.50	$109.00	$27.10	$4351.89

**Taken from monthly reports of State Organizations

Disbursements - Amounts Disbursed to State Organizations from Fund for the Republic Grant

	Salaries	Local Expenses	Travel	Total
Alabama	$1,899.98	$ 500.00		$ 2,399.98
Florida			$407.58	407.58
Georgia	975.00			975.00
Kentucky	2,420.00	1,500.00		3,920.00
Louisiana	1,849.98	400.00		2,249.98
Mississippi	1,249.98	300.00		1,549.98
North Carolina	1,854.17	400.00		2,254.17
South Carolina	1,749.98	488.67		2,238.65
Tennessee		88.25	213.71	301.96
Texas	975.00	500.00		1,475.00
Virginia			513.78	513.78
	$12,974.09	$4,176.92	$1,135.07	$18,286.08
OAB Taxes				168.71
				$ 18,454.79

Exhibit C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank, Atlanta, Ga.

March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement		$7,290.64
Deduct outstanding checks		
Number	Amount	
6578	$ 10.00	
6589	3.00	
6590	10.00	
6637	4.00	
6666	2.50	
6672	2.97	
6683	4.31	
6686	354.54	
6687	247.73	
6688	155.25	
6689	116.32	
6690	226.65	
6691	237.73	
6692	177.26	
6693	104.80	
6696	104.72	
6697	20.58	
6698	28.80	
6699	25.84	
6701	96.00	
6702	5.00	1,938.00
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 5,352.64

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co., Atlanta, Ga.
March 31, 1955

Balance, per bank statement, March 31, 1955		$ 6,761.69
Deduct checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
1746	$ 3.50	
1754	15.00	
1759	177.26	
1777	25.49	
1785	26.44	
1786	177.26	
1787	84.80	
1788	177.26	
1789	93.19	
1790	104.80	
1791	120.00	
1792	177.26	
1793	84.80	
1794	172.26	
1796	89.80	
1797	177.26	
1798	204.16	
1799	102.09	
1800	50.00	
1801	440.00	
		$2,502.63
Balance, per books, March 31, 1955		$ 4,259.06

Schedule 2

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . KATHERINE STONEY . . .

GSM:
From my calls to the Atlanta members of the SRC Executive Committee, it would seem that February 17th is a good date for the meeting.

I am today writing to the out-of-town members asking them to reserve Feb. 17th and explaining why the change in date from the proposed ones of our first communication.

ks

To: Fred Routh

Marion Wright suggested to me in October, 1954 that young Chester Davis be considered for membership on the Board.

Circulate

To: Staff

From: GSM

Mr. James L. Coker, a member of the Board, resigned by letter December 15th, 1954, stating that it was necessary for him to cut down on outside commitments.

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April 28, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
512 Ebeneezer
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council should be held sometime in May. I have checked with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and with the Executive Director and find that the only date in May on which both of them can attend is May 26th. We have found that this date is suitable for most of the Atlanta members of the Committee.

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Please let us know, using the enclosed card, whether you can be present.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer

KS/eab
Encl.

April 28, 1955

Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council should be held sometime in May. I have checked with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and with the Executive Director and find that the only date in May on which both of them can attend is May 26th. We have found that this date is suitable for most of the Atlanta members of the Committee.

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

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Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

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Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

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Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Mr. Albert W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

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Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

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Secretary-Treasurer

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April 28, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

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515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

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FINANCE REPORT OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR APRIL 1955

Income to state organizations from local sources

	Contributions	Memberships	Misc.	Total
Alabama	$ 20.10	$ 176.00	$7.40	$203.50
Georgia	64.00	113.00		177.00
Kentucky		108.00	56.10	164.10
Louisiana		39.00		39.00
Mississippi		93.50		93.50
North Carolina	5.00	60.00	10.95	75.95
South Carolina	11.00	33.50		44.50
Texas	80.00	71.00	25.75	176.75
	$ 180.10	$ 694.00	$ 100.20	$ 974.30

Disbursements to state organizations from Fund for the Republic grant

	Salaries and S.S.	Local Expenses	Misc. (travel)	Total
Alabama	$526.99	$ 1,000.00	$ 35.00	$ 1561.99
Florida			115.62	115.62
Georgia	637.50			637.50
Kentucky	1001.00			1001.00
Louisiana	637.50	800.00		1437.50
Mississippi	425.00	500.00		925.00
North Carolina	628.99	600.00		1228.99
South Carolina	526.99			526.99
Texas	637.50			637.50
Tennessee			31.07	31.07
Virginia			28.07	28.07
	$ 5021.47	$ 2,900.00	$ 209.79	$ 8131.23

An original of this letter to:

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Josephine Wilkins
Marion A. Wright
Albert W. Dent
Gordon B. Hancock
Carter Wesley
Leonard Haas

May 16, 1955

Dear _____

Here are helpful items preparatory to the meeting of the Executive Committee May 26th.

The letter to the Fund for the Republic is internal, but a good deal of future program and policy are involved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. (attached)

See "Freeman, Paul for ltr to Pfx.

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 26, 1955

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

- Invocation
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Report of Executive Director
  (Proposals to FFR)
- Report of the Secretary-Treasurer
  (with Exhibits)
- Staff Reports
  - Church Women - D. Tilly
  - Program Planning - G. T. Hamilton
  - Information - H. C. Fleming
  - State Organizations - C. H. Parrish, F. B. Routh
- Report of Program Planning Committee
- Discussion Topics
  - Plans for Annual Meeting SRC Board
  - Finance Committee Status
  - Camp New Hope State Staff Meeting
  - Status of SRC Board Membership
    (Nominating Committee

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

Finance report for April, 1955
Central Office

Balance, April 1, 1955		$ 39,599.53
Checking account - $ 4,599.53		
Savings account - 35,000.00		
Income		
Contributions		
Individual	$ 285.00	
Church	25.00	
Foundation	200.00	
Members Dues	93.00	
New South Subscriptions	449.00	
Sale of Literature	395.55	
Honoraria	75.00	
Interest earned	2007.50	
Total income		3,530.05
		43,129.58
Expense		
Salaries	$ 4884.28	
Social security (Cost to Council)	88.22	
Travel	744.77	
Printing	886.32	
Rent	105.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	157.88	
Office Supplies	376.69	
Postage	120.54	
Books & subscriptions	92.50	
Audit fee	60.00	
Meeting expense	3.75	
Consultant's fees	105.00	
Special Services	200.49	
Misc. expense	5.00	
Georgia sales tax	3.10	
Bank fee	.40	
Total expense		7,834.00
Balance in Central Office account as of May 1, 1955		$ 35,295.58

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FORECAST OF FINANCES FOR PERIOD MAY 1, 1955 to SEPT. 30, 1955

Balance in Central Office account, May 1, 1955		$ 35,295.58
Balance in Duke Grant fund	$ 8953.33	
Balance in Field Grant fund	4850.20	
(These balances to be used for specific purposes)		13,803.53
Balance for general use of Central Office		$ 21,492.05

Forecast for period of expenses - on a per month basis

Salary expense per month	$ 5,000.00	
Other expense per month	2,500.00	$ 7,500.00
Chargeable to specific grant funds (see above)		835.00
Balance		$ 6,665.00
Needed for general expenses per month		$ 6,665.00
Less funds available from Balance of grant from Fund for Republic (1/5 of total above-$21,492.05)		4,298.50
Amount needed from other sources		$ 2,366.50

Average monthly income during same period of 1954 - $1,592.18

Total amount needed to cover all anticipated expenses for period over present funds on hand - $11,832.50

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . FRED B. ROUTH . . . .

16 May 1955

TO: GSM

Here is the proposed agenda for the Executive Committee meeting. It has been seen by Fleming, Hamilton, and Stoney; suggestions they made have been included.

We suggest that you do mail out in advance to the members of the Executive Committee the letter to Dave Freeman and the "exhibits" prepared by Kak.

I am writing C.H. Parrish, as you requested, and inviting him to the meeting.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

26 MAY 1955

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR SESSION

Invocation

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Report of Executive Director
(Proposals to FFR)

Report of the Secretary Treasurer
(With Exhibits)

Staff Reports

Church Women, M.E.Tilly

Program Planning, G.T.Hamilton

Information, H.C.Fleming

State Organizations, C.H.Parrish, F.B.Routh

Report of Program Planning Committee

Discussion Topics

Plans for Annual Meeting SRC Board

Finance Committee Status

Camp New Hope State Staff Meeting

Status of SRC Board Membership
(Nominating Committee)

Southern Regional Council
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE N.E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 26, 1955

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council

FROM: Grace T. Hamilton, Assistant for Program

The attached report has been prepared as a means of summarizing my year's work with the Southern Regional Council. As some of you know I accepted the position as Associate Director of the Southern Regional Council on a leave of absence basis from the Atlanta Urban League with no definite period with the SRC agreed upon. In February 1955 the board of the Atlanta Urban Leabue defined the term of my leave as of a year's duration. So in June my present relationship to the Southern Regional Council will have to be terminated. I have expressed to the Executive Director my willingness to consider a part-time consultant relationship in the months ahead in the event such a relationship is deemed useful.

It has been a year full of interest and learning for me and I wish to assure the Executive Committee of my continued interest in the purposes of the Southern Regional Council.

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REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAM, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
June 1954 - June 1955

Basis for Program Development

The principle which has been regarded as fundamental by the Assistant for Program is that the purpose of the SRC requires a demonstration in its program, organizational structure, and administrative procedures of the objectives which the SRC is committed to help achieve throughout the region. Specifically, the purpose of the SRC requires continuous efforts to interpret the organization's goal as the progressive elimination of segregation, and to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end. "Program" necessarily includes consideration of advisable and possible means to further this purpose, through efforts of the regional office and of affiliated state organizations. In these terms, efforts to secure community understanding and support of the school decision have been regarded as deserving high priority because of its significance and its impact on the region.

Program development has been regarded in the light of the accepted principles of social change; namely, that efforts should be directed toward changing behavior since development of new attitudes usually follows rather than preceeds changes in behavior. In practical terms, this means that SRC programs must be concerned with modifying the framework of institutions and groups rather than with diffused attempts to provide "interracial education" for people in the mass. Efforts to modify all institutions and groups which maintain and reinforce the segregated basis of society are therefore within the province of the SRC's program as defined by its purpose. "Program" according to this concept may conflict with and be jeopardized by simultaneous efforts to develop "self-sustaining organizations." It is likely that efforts to secure support will be limited by program designed to modify the institutions and groups from which support must be sought. Of more importance to the objectives of the SRC is the likelihood that program efforts will be limited by efforts to complete organizational structure and to secure organizational support.

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program

Responsibilities of the Assistant for Program have been interpreted as including:

(1) Efforts to develop channels for increased participation by SRC board members in the program development of the SRC Central Office and state organizations.

(2) Development of recommendations for Central Office staff structure for the expanded operation of the SRC made possible by the grant from the Fund for the Republic.

(3) Efforts to coordinate program proposals with financial resources of the organization.

(4) Efforts to initiate and distribute program proposals and materials to state organizations, designed to encourage a development of program related to the established purpose of the SRC.

(5) Consultative services to selected state organizations and related agencies with regard to objectives, structure, program development and personnel.

The outline which follows summarizes the year's work of the Assistant for Program under each of the five categories listed above:

(1) Development of channels for board participation.

(a) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Nominating Committee as a part of the continuous structure of the SRC.

(b) Suggestions resulting in the establishment of a Program Committee.

(2) Development of Central Office staff structure.

(a) The revised structure of staff in the Central Office was designed to:

Clarify the division of responsibility of professional staff and

Increase the possibility of racial integration in staff relationships to state organizations.

The revised staff structure provided four Assistant Directors as follows:

Assistant for Program (position formerly designated as Associate Director)
Assistant for Information
Two Assistants for State Organizations (one Negro, one white)

(3) Coordination of program proposals with financial resources (see Program Memoranda for Consideration by Program Committee, Executive Committee and Executive Director [May 1, 1955]). The Program Planning Committee has been regarded as the appropriate channel for the consideration of matters involving the relationship of finances to program.

(4) Development and distribution of program proposals and materials. The materials included in the attached exhibit have been prepared and/or made available to voluntary and professional personnel of the SRC state and regional groups.

(5) Consultative services to state organizations. Because there has been only part-time service by the Negro Assistant for State Organizations, the Assistant for Program has, upon request, been available during the

year for advisory services to the following state organizations:

North Carolina -- one meeting of Executive Committee.

Kentucky -- two meetings: orientation of consultants, and consultants and Executive Committee meeting.

Tennessee -- one meeting of Executive Committee, and advisory services through correspondence.

Louisiana -- one meeting of Program Planning Committee.

The Assistant for Program has participated in staff planning of meetings of church women and of state staff, and of New South content.

The related agencies have included: National Social Welfare Assembly, the Georgia League of Women Voters, the National Student Council of YWCA, the NAACP, the Urban League, and staff members related to other organizations who participated in the Conference on Segregation at Fisk University and the Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference in Washington.

In Summary

The effectiveness of the SRC will largely depend upon:

(1) An increase in responsible participation at all levels of the organization by a racially integrated leadership, both voluntary and professional. This responsible participation should be reflected in both policy-making and in administration.

(2) An increased understanding by the leadership of the organization, both voluntary and professional, of the implications of the SRC's goal and of practical means to further its achievement through use of resources available to the organization.

Consideration of these requirements is the continuing responsibility of the organization's Board, committees and staff. Specific questions for considerations by these groups are the following:

(1) How can a racially integrated regional staff with shared responsibility in policy-making, program development and administration be provided? How can racially integrated state staffs be assured? Such staff is "needed in the task of extending communication across racial lines." This is necessary and relevant if the SRC is to make effective contribution to the adjustments involved in the progressive elimination of segregation.

(2) How can understanding be furthered among the SRC state organizations' personnel, both voluntary and professional, of their most effective roles in the present period? (See Proposals III, IV and V in "Proposals for the Development of Program of State Organizations.")

(3) How can the selection and development of program projects by the Central Office be more closely related to the abilities and resources of the organization?

(4) How can we assist state organizations to carry on effective program activities and meet the requirement for achieving "self-sustaining, independent status" during the period of assistance? How can a desirable balance between these two competing objectives be achieved?

(5) How can the Central Office increase its effectiveness by implementing in its program the principle that institutions and groups maintaining segregation must be changed if an integrated society is to be achieved?

(6) To what extend would the financial resources of the SRC be influenced by these considerations? What implications have the considerations for employed personnel?

If exploration of these and related questions are undertaken, I shall be glad to make available any information and suggestions of mine as may be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Grace T. Hamilton
Assistant for Program

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

May 26, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., May 26, 1955, in the Lounge of the Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, presiding. The following members of the Executive Committee were present:

Marion A. Wright, President
Rufus E. Clement, Chairman
Gordon Hancock, Vice-president
Paul Christopher
Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
Miss Josephine Wilkins
John Griffin
Harry V. Richardson

The Executive Committee convened in executive session, in the course of which Miss Katherine Stoney, Secretary-Treasurer, appeared before the Committee. At the beginning of the regular session, the following staff members joined the meeting:

George Mitchell
Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Harold Fleming
C. H. Parrish
John Constable
Frederick B. Routh
Katherine Stoney
Elizabeth Brantley

The Invocation was given by Dr. Gordon Hancock.

Dr. Clement reported that in executive session the resignation of Miss Stoney had been considered. After discussing the matter with Miss Stoney, the Committee had accepted her resignation, effective July 15, 1955, with deep regret and with great appreciation for the years of valuable service which she has rendered to the Southern Regional Council. A formal letter expressing the Committee's sentiments will be sent to Miss Stoney.

A committee composed of Dr. Clement, Mr. Haas, and Dr. Mitchell was appointed to explore the question of a successor to Miss Stoney.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of February 17, having been previously mailed to each member, were proposed for adoption. Upon motion, the last paragraph, beginning on page 4 and ending on page 5, was deleted. The minutes, thus amended, were approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Mitchell reviewed the progress of the state organization effort. Organizations are under way or almost under way in eleven of the twelve states. Florida, the one state not yet having employed staff, is expected to do so within the next week or so.

Since the inception of the state programs, New South renewals and new subscriptions have totaled 840, including 133 sent directly to the central office and 707 forwarded by the states. He expects New South subscriptions to reach 3,000 by the end of the calendar year.

Slightly more than half the states have raised or are within reach of the $1800 they are expected to raise. The remaining states expect to raise the required amount during the summer and early fall.

Most of the state groups have done little toward employing Negro personnel. Funds available from SRC have not been sufficient to enable them to take on full-time associates. Dr. Mitchell has written a letter to the Fund for the Republic -- a copy of which went to each Executive Committee member -- proposing reallocation of unexpended grant funds. Under this proposal, a portion of the unexpended funds would be used to enable the states to employ associate directors for a guaranteed period of at least 15 months.

Dr. Mitchell spoke of deficiencies in the programs of the state organizations and the difficulties of converting simple interracial committees into strong human relations agencies. The Mississippi Council is weak, confronted as it is by a tense and even dangerous situation in the state; there has been some evidence of reprisals against Mrs. Lyells, the Executive Director. The Texas Commission is weak in terms of both staff performance and board membership; at present, it is seeking a Negro associate director.

Travel. The Executive Director's extensive travels have given him the opportunity to visit some of the state groups. He had accepted an invitation to address the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco on the subject of desegregation. During the summer, he is scheduled to teach one-week labor institutes in Kentucky, Arizona, North Carolina, and Arkansas. These trips are recognized as unduly time consuming, but he emphasized the importance of assisting the labor movement in the South to be helpful in effecting desegregation.

Staff. There are four recent or impending vacancies on the central office staff. Miss Holden resigned early in May; Mrs. Hamilton will return to the Atlanta Urban League on July 1; Mrs. Fiszman expects to move from Atlanta shortly; and Miss Stoney's resignation will be effective in mid-July.

Tax-Exemption. A Treasury Department hearing has been set for June 8 on the Georgia Committee's application. Dr. Wells, Dr. Mitchell, and Mr. Abram will appear at the hearing and attempt to establish a tax-exemption precedent for all the state organizations.

Funds. The Council has raised slightly more than the $40,000 required to meet the terms of the Fund for the Republic grant: however, additional funds must be raised to meet operating costs between now and September, and an unprecedented amount must be raised for the forthcoming year. The Executive Director stated that financial plans for the current fiscal year had perforce to count upon comparatively complete payment by the Executive Committee members of the pledges of $100 to the Council, and good payment by members of the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Katherine Stoney

Miss Stoney stated that the central office has been operating with salary expenses of $5,000 per month. About $2,500 has been spent in addition for travel and office supplies and equipment. The average amount collected per month has been $1500. From total expenses of $7,500 can be subtracted the average amount collected per month ($1,500), which leaves the amount needed per month as $6,000. For next year, the central office can expect a total of $24,000 from the Fund for the Republic, and from other sources approximately $23,000.

Exhibits passed around at the meeting are attached.

Georgia is well ahead on raising money. Kentucky is not doing too well. Mississippi is way behind because of the tense situation there. Arkansas only had about seventeen members and has had to start from the beginning, but has raised about $600 or $700. Laggard states are North Carolina and Mississippi.

Mr. Wright at this point stated that there seems to be a North Carolina Statute which requires fund-raising organizations to get a permit from the Board of Charities and Public Welfare. The question came up as to whether the old charter should be renewed or if a new charter should be obtained. North Carolina is now in process of getting a charter and Mr. Wright felt that as soon as that is cleared up North Carolina will proceed ahead.

Mrs. Hamilton stated that she would like to make an observation and to raise a question. Observation. The states which are laggard in terms of fund-raising tend to be the ones which are advanced in terms of program development. Question. Whether the financial situation as presented by Miss Stoney has any relevance for the Executive Committee in terms of the request for assistance from the Fund for the Republic in the second period?

She asked that the question be recorded for future discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Tilly

Mrs. Tilly spoke of the difficulty of her choice between going on as Executive Director of the Georgia Committee and becoming affiliated with the central office of the Southern Regional Council to be in charge of women's work. She decided to join the Council because she believed that the Council

itself was the organization which could work most effectively for the benefit of the whole South.

She reported that she had held a Southwide meeting of women from every denomination and from every major church organization represented in the South. State meetings of church women had been held in Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana, and she was planning for a meeting in Florida in the Fall and for others later on.

Assistant Director for Information
(Harold Fleming)

The hoped for subsidy for reprinting Changing Patterns did not materialize, but promotion on the first printing has continued. The first printing of Changing Patterns is almost exhausted and an estimated cost of $500 was reported as necessary for a fairly large reprinting. About 6,000 promotion leaflets have been mailed out to libraries, professional associations, and to persons who have in the past purchased material from SRC.

In exploration of the possibility of newsstand placement of SRC publications, it was concluded that New South is not a suitable item for that type of distribution. It is believed, however, that it would be possible to put Changing Patterns on the newsstands if it were available.

Attention was called to a bulletin board of clippings about SRC, which had been prepared for the meeting by Mr. Constable and Mr. Fleming. Special reference was made to the statement issued by the Executive Committee (authorized at the meeting of February 17th) as it appeared in the New York Times, and various other news stories on the statement. The scrapbook about the Council was available, and members of the Committee were invited to look through it.

February New South is almost exhausted; copies of it were used (in addition to subscriptions) for promotion purposes. March New South featured articles by Marion Wright and Guy Wells. April New South was the pay-off of an idea of two years ago, a report on an article by Robert McKay about legalities of segregation and public recreation recently published in the Virginia Law Review, and the text of the park decision. May New South features baseball; a comprehensive report of which was obtained by John Constable through letters of inquiry and articles. Also in this issue will be the report on findings of a survey carried out by the Atlanta Urban League.

Some information and advisory services have been furnished to the state organizations, and it is hoped that the New Hope meeting will help the state organizations along the same lines.

It was reported that charges against the Council are continuing in the Augusta Courier and in some other publications. The Council does have occasion onee in a while to supply answers to scotch criticisms.

Desirable to have a statement to issue on behalf of the Council as quickly as possible after the final decree of the Supreme Court (expected May 30th). Suggested that the statement need not be prepared in advance, but should be prepared as quickly thereafter as possible.

Motion was made and carried that a statement be issued in the name of the President following the Supreme Court's final decree.

Assistant Director for State Organizations
(C. H. Parrish)

Mr. Parrish reviewed in particular the work of the consultants in Kentucky, and described the efforts to get a rather similar program under way in Tennessee. Other states in which he had worked were touched upon.

He said that he had been working with interracial groups for many years and has noted great changes in these organizations within the last few years. He has been putting emphasis on process rather than product. People usually ask more questions about what the organizations are going to do than about how many members they have. They are concerned about the purposes for which money is being raised and the ends to which people are associating themselves. He rejected the idea of paying salaries to raise money to raise more salaries. He emphasized the importance to the state organizations of a good working relationship between the Executive Directors and strong Boards.

Assistant Director for State Organizations
(Frederick B. Routh)

Mr. Routh opened his report with a reaffirmation of faith in the need for strong organizations in each state, and sufficient time and energy should be converted to that end. Looking over the whole field of the twelve state organizations, there is a need for strengthening their Boards and for integrating them. In some of the states there is a sort of remembrance of old days, but that's a "changing pattern." Back to the concept of process, this is not a pushbutton operation where suddenly twelve states are on-going self-perpetuating organizations. In terms of process we have to begin to help direct it toward that end and there should be continuing assumption of responsibility to see that this organization becomes a self-sustaining human relations organization. There is a feeling of paternalism, not only on the part of white persons but also on the part of Negroes. This has been greatly evidenced in some states; it is important to understand that paternalism is not only on one side of the fence. Maternalism is also evident. Some of the elderly ladies have been reluctant to build a stronger Board with new blood. A most powerful factor in the whole process of desegregation and the integration which will follow is the determination of the Negro people to make it work.

Routh then sketched in with comments the status of the state programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Mississippi and Louisiana. He spoke with praise of the Boards in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Florida; commented upon

the development of a Policy Advisory Committee in Georgia; and praised the Board in Virginia.

Assistant Director for Program
(Mrs. G. T. Hamilton)

After the luncheon interval Mrs. Hamilton read a summary of her year's work with the Southern Regional Council as attached. Attached, also, is a copy of Mrs. Hamilton's "Proposals for the Development of State Organizations," as discussed with the Program Committee. She further stated that in the light of her forthcoming return to the Atlanta Urban League she had expressed a willingness to consider a part-time consultantship to the Council.

After Mrs. Hamilton's report, Mr. Griffin offered a resolution of appreciation for her services, which had been so well rendered to the Council, and the resolution was approved.

A question being asked as to whether Mrs. Hamilton would become a part-time consultant, the Executive Director said that Mr. Parrish would be full-time in the central office during the months of June and July. The Executive Director would like to consult with Mr. Parrish and would lean heavily on his advice about staffing and the matter of replacing Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Wright asked that Mrs. Hamilton send in a written communication answering the questions raised in her report, being questions 1-6.

It was asked if the report was intended to be constructive criticism of what SRC is not doing. Mrs. Hamilton replied that the report represented a year's evaluation of the program as she saw it, and was designed to be a constructive appraisal. The questions she raised are the ones which are the obligation of the responsible body of the organization to deal with and answer. On the basis of the answers it then becomes the responsibility of the professional staff in its various categories to implement.

Mrs. Birnie stated that she felt that the report was healthy criticism and that she would like to see the Committee consider it seriously, and discuss how to go about working out answers to the questions raised.

Mrs. Hamilton stated that in appraising usefulness of the state organizations appropriate measures were not how many members, how much money, etc., but for what? Some discussions occurred in the November annual meeting of the Board about to what end efforts were to be directed in building state organizations. What means were the central office considering to see that assistance was made available which would serve whatever these ends were? She thought that the organization could be a little clearer about the means toward the end which are the most effective at this time.

Mr. Hancock asked that the questions be more specific if they are to be stated as criticisms.

Mr. Parrish stated that only now can the implications of all the things that have happened during a little over a year be grasped. Since the

decision it has been very difficult to forecast what might be done. This should be appraised as a very fluid situation in which we are operating. It has been more or less a matter of doing what seemed most appropriate at the moment.

Mr. Richardson stated that at this time we are trying to work out a more effective method of procedure between the central office and state organizations. Are there any one or two items which deserve consideration by the Executive Committee now?

Mrs. Hamilton stated the need for increased participation by all of the various segments of this movement. All insight and wisdom needed to be channeled as well as it is possible to devise. It has been her experience that people invest money in those things in which a desire is evidenced for investment other than money. The organization really needs to consider how to recognize the ways in which its members, its sponsors, its affiliated groups can participate in its deliberations and decision-making.

Mr. Wright asked if Mrs. Hamilton meant that perhaps staff makes decisions on certain questions of policy whereas the Board or the Executive Committee should be participating and supporting in such decisions.

More frequent meetings of the Executive Committee were recommended.

1955 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

The Executive Director reported that he had corresponded with Mr. Milton C. Vigo re holding the forthcoming 1955 Board meeting (presumably November 9th) at New Orleans, and Mr. Vigo had felt that it could be arranged. After discussion of the matter of housing arrangements for persons attending the conference, motion was carried that holding the meeting in New Orleans depended upon satisfactory housing arrangements for the group.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Executive Director reported on efforts made thus far to get a working Finance Committee. Suitable members of the Board and some other persons not on the Board had been invited at the instance of the President of the Council, Mr. Marion Wright, to meet in Atlanta and discuss arrangements for a Finance Committee. Those requested to serve in the Atlanta area were: Rufus E. Clement, Leonard Haas, Philip Hammer, Benjamin Mays, L. D. Milton, J. M. Richards, Josephine Wilkins, Edward Vinson, Morris Abram, George Goodwin, and Morton Weiss. Of this number the following had attended a Finance Committee meeting on May 3rd: Mr. Weiss, Mr. Abram, Mr. Clement, Miss Wilkins, and Mr. Haas.

The meeting reviewed the problem of raising the large sum which will be needed next year. Assuming that expenditures will continue at the present rate, a total of about $88,000 would need to be raised. Toward this amount, the Executive Director reported to the Committee meeting May 3rd that usual SRC sources might be counted on to produce $23,000. He supposed that special grants from foundations, which had assisted SRC in the past or

might probably be interested, would amount to $20,000. From the Fund for the Republic we would receive $24,000. These three items will total $67,000 leaving a balance needed to be raised of $21,000. It might be possible to effect economies in the coming fiscal year which would bring the total down to $17,000.

The Finance Committee meeting May 3rd had thought that area finance committees, respectively for the upper South, the Southeast, and the Southwest, might each take on one-third of that load. It had been proposed that each area finance committee set itself a goal of $10,000.

The Executive Director reported that suitable persons to be on the Upper South and the Southwestern finance committee had not yet been approached. Neither had it as yet been possible to find a person to serve as Treasurer although the special sub-committee of the Executive Committee was still searching for such a person.

Mrs. Hamilton stated that she would include in her forthcoming memorandum some suggestions as to financing, and particularly as that might be related to staff responsibilities.

At the Finance Committee meeting Mr. Clement had volunteered to write out to various church officials to include SRC in their budgets. And plans were made at the Executive Committee meeting to carry through on this.

NEW HOPE STAFF MEETING

It was reported that on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd the principal employed staff from the going state organizations would be brought to Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill for conference and discussion, including opportunity to be for an hour or two in the home of Dr. W. W. Alexander, former Director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, who lived in that vicinity.

The state staff coming in had been asked to prepare descriptions of the purposes of each state organization, of ways in which the purposes were manifested within the state, and the role of the Board of Directors, staff, and other lay committees toward accomplishing these objectives.

Staff reviews would also be held with the group by various persons from the central office, including the Assistant Director for Information and the Secretary-Treasurer.

PROPOSED TWO-DAY MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The motion was carried that at as early a date as practicable, the Executive Committee be convened for a two-day session, dates to be arranged by the Executive Director. Mr. Christopher offered his services in securing a suitable place at Gatlinburg, and in the hope of such a meeting in one or two months there, the present meeting adjourned.

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COST ANALYSIS OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL CENTRAL OFFICE

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ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD

Salary, Executive Director		$ 10,000.00	
Salary, secretary to Executive Director		3,000.00	
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer		4,500.00	
1/3 salary, clerk		1,000.00	
Social Security for staff		700.00	
Annual meeting and Executive Committee meetings		2,000.00	
Travel, Executive Director		700.00	
Rent		1,260.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		5,000.00	
Office supplies & equipment		4,500.00	
Postage (not including NEW SOUTH)		4,000.00	
Printing (other than NEW SOUTH)		2,000.00	
Audit fees		300.00	
Miscellaneous expense		300.00	$ 39,260.00

INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH

Salary, Asst. Director for Information		$ 7,000.00	
Salary, Editorial Assistant		4,000.00	
Salary, Research Assistant		4,000.00	
2/3 salary, clerk (circulation)		2,000.00	
¼ salary of clerk (steno)		750.00	
½ salary, office boy		300.00	
NEW SOUTH printing and postage		6,000.00	
Envelopes, addressograph plates, etc.		340.00	
Books and materials		300.00	24,650.00

PROMOTION--STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Salary, Asst. Director for State Organizations		$ 7,000.00	
Salary, Consultant		2,285.00	
Travel, ADSO -	$1,605.65		
Travel, consultant	2,373.66		
Travel, other	537.42	4,516.73	
¼ salary, stenographer		750.00	14,551.73

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Salary, Asst. for program development		$ 7,750.00	
¼ salary, clerk		750.00	
Program materials		200.00	8,700.00

WOMEN'S WORK

Salary, Director of Women's Work		$ 5,000.00	
¼ salary, clerk		750.00	
Travel, Director		241.33	
Meetings, travel of participants, etc.		893.37	6,884.70
			$ 94,046.43

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Menefee -

Salary	$ 1,000.00
Travel	733.20
	$ 1,733.20

Brewer -

Salary	$ 600.00
Travel	124.85
	$ 724.85

Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	$ 150.00

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
March 4, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Just a note to tell you that I have your letter of March 1st, and I have already sent the card. I hope you received it in time.

I am proud to be able to say that I would like my name attached to the statement which you drew up. I think it is simply wonderful.

With every best wish,

Yours in Christ and St. Philip,

Maurice V. Shean

(Very Rev.) Maurice V. Shean, C. O.

MVS:e

June 7, 1955

GTH

I am trying to arrange a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, July 27-28.

Would you be good enough to try to hold those dates open so that we could get you up there if the time and place work out?

Sincerely,

GSM

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June 7, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Would you see whether the hotel you know of at Gatlinburg could provide accommodations for a two-day meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC July 27-28?

I think there would be between twelve and fifteen people. Presumably we would begin at luncheon on the 27th and end in the afternoon of the 28th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 20, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Bldg.
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Dr. Mitchell has asked that I write you about the proposed two day meeting of the Executive Committee.

Since we were unable to get reservations at the Mountain View Hotel in Gatlinburg at the time we had asked for them and since Dr. Mitchell had already agreed to go to the Virginia Labor School of the AF of L if they could find a date when he could come, he has now agreed to teach for them the week of July 24-29 and would like to set a new date for the Executive Committee meeting.

He would like to know whether they could take our group on Wednesday and Thursday, August 31 and Sept. 1. We would probably plan to arrive on Wednesday afternoon and leave by noon of Friday, Sept. 2. These dates may be filled already, but we thought it worth a try. If you can get this information for us, we can then proceed with lining up the members of the committee for that date.

We could, of course have the meeting in Atlanta at some other time. However, we have found that we have better attendance for the full time if we have the meeting some place where we can be together for the living arrangements as well as for the meeting.

Thank you for helping with securing a place for the meeting. I'm sorry you could not get to New Hope.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

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WALTER P. REUTHER
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JOHN V. RIFFE
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JAMES B. CAREY
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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June 14, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I finally reached Tom Woods, Manager of the Mountain View Hotel at Gatlinburg, this morning over long distance.

He says it will be impossible to accommodate the suggested group of 12 or 15 persons on July 27 and 28, or any other period this summer, because his hotel and all the other hotels are booked to capacity and are turning down requests for reservations from two people for every one who can be accommodated.

I deeply regret my inability to secure the necessary accommodations, and suppose I spoke a little fast at the last meeting in predicting I could secure the needed reservations at Gatlinburg. However, I still hope such a two day meeting can be arranged elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher

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June 13, 1955

Mr. George Mitchell, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear George:

I was in North Carolina all last week and did not see your letter of June 7 until today upon my return to the office.

I placed a call for Mr. Tom Wood, Manager of the Mountain View Hotel in Gatlinburg, but he is in Knoxville today. We are trying to locate him in the city today, but I hope to talk to him tomorrow in case we fail today. You will be advised if we can get the reservations on July 27-28.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher

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June 21, 1955

Miss Katherine Stoney
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Katherine:

I called the Mountain View Hotel at Gatlinburg again this morning after reading your letter of June 20. Mr. Wood was not in, but the room clerk said he was almost certain our group could not be accomodated until some time in October, because the hotel is booked (and over-booked, he said) to capacity through the month of September. He said he was quite sure that any dates prior to and including the Labor Day week-end would be out of the question.

In view of this, I don't know what to recommend, because October is too close to the annual meeting. My own guess is that it would be better to try to arrange the meeting elsewhere. Highlander Folk School would be perfectly satisfactory to me, but I don't know just how the others would feel about it.

Most of the religious organization retreats such as Lake Junaluska, Montreat, etc., where we could do business on a completely unsegregated basis are tied up for the summer, although something might be available around Labor Day week. Any place suits me, and I'll try to make the meeting on whatever dates are decided upon.

With all good wishes and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Paul Christopher

Paul R. Christopher

June 23, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

In conversation yesterday with Loescher, he impressed on us the importance of having our plans for next year in the hands of the Fund for the Republic earlier than I had anticipated. Accordingly, we have arranged for a meeting of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave beginning August 16th and continuing that evening, the following day, and through breakfast on August 18th.

Katherine Stoney will be getting out notices to members of the Executive Committee as early as practicable. But I want you to have advance notice so that you can plan to get there.

We are assured of pleasant arrangements at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 23, 1955

KS:

In accordance with this arrangement about Mammoth Cave, will be be good enough to summon the Executive Committee to meet on the dates given?

GSM/eab

Encls.

July 23, 1955

Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave,
Kentucky

Dear Sirs:

This confirms the arrangement you kindly made with Mr. Hugh Brimm of Louisville to reserve for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council eight double rooms the nights of August 16 and 17, 1955. We expect to assemble for dinner at 6:00 on the night of the 16th, and to be served with all meals through breakfast on the morning of the 18th.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS
CHP

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GENERAL OFFICES

MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
MAMMOTH CAVE HOTEL
MAMMOTH CAVE, KY.

K S

JUN 28 1955

June 26th, 1955

MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK
KENTUCKY

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY
VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA

ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK
MICHIGAN

VANDERBILT MANSION
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
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HOTELS
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SOUVENIRS
GAS AND OIL
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of July 23 in regard to your meeting here August 16th and 17th.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to having your group with us.

Very truly yours,

Bessie McDaniel
(Mrs.) Bessie McDaniel
Reservation Clerk

Called. 8/2/55

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

June 23, 1955

KS:

In accordance with this arrangement about Mammoth Cave, will you be good enough to summon the Executive Committee to meet on the dates given?

GSM/eab

Encls.

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6/28/55

Done

Aug 16 + 17

July 23, 1955

Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave,
Kentucky

Dear Sirs:

This confirms the arrangement you kindly made with Mr. Hugh Brinn of Louisville to reserve for the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council eight double rooms the nights of August 16 and 17, 1955. We expect to assemble for dinner at 6:00 on the night of the 16th, and to be served with all meals through breakfast on the morning of the 18th.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eah
cc: KS ✓
CHP

July 23, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHP

FROM: GSM

The conversations with Frank Loescher yesterday lead me to wish to move the date of the Executive Committee meeting back to August 16 and 17th.

I learned that you had apparently been unable to get through to Mammoth Cave and that therefore arrangements had not been made for the September date.

I talked with Brimm and asked Brimm to talk to Mammoth Cave Hotel people. Brimm reserved at the Mammoth Cave Hotel eight double rooms for the nights of August 16th and 17th. We are to be served dinner the night of the 16th and all meals through breakfast the morning of the 18th, for ten or fifteen people.

I told Brimm that in case you had got through to Mammoth Cave this arrangement countermanded that. I have confirmed with Mammoth Cave as enclosed.

Encl.
cc: KS

June 27, 1955

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

At the May 26th meeting of the Southern Regional Council's Executive Committee, the committee voted to have a two day meeting sometime before September 1955.

Dr. Mitchell has been able to secure accommodations for the group, both for housing and for meeting space, at Mammoth Cave Hotel, Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 and 17 - to begin with dinner the evening of the 16th and go through breakfast on the 18th. Expenses for attendance will be paid by the Council and all members are urged to attend.

Will you please let us know whether you can be present, using the enclosed card. We shall appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so we may know about the number who can attend.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
encl.

June 27, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

You will remember that at the May 26th meeting of the Council's Executive Committee the committee voted to have a two day meeting sometime before September 1955.

Dr. Mitchell has been able to secure accommodations for the group at Mammoth Cave Hotel, Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 and 17 - beginning with dinner on the evening of the 16th and going through breakfast on the morning of the 18th. Will you please let us know whether you can come to the meeting on those dates, using the enclosed card.

All expenses will be paid of course, and we are hopeful that we can have a full attendance. As soon as I hear from the members, I'll let you know what we may expect.

We shall appreciate hearing from you about the meeting at soon as it possible.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
encl.

June 28, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Bldg. -
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

We have been able to secure accommodations for the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky., at the Mammoth Cave Hotel. The meeting will begin with dinner on the evening of August 16th and go through breakfast on August 18th. The Council will pay expenses for travel and for the conference and we hope very much that you can be with us.

Will you please let us know, using the enclosed card, whether you can come.

We appreciate your efforts at finding a place for the meeting and will probably be trying to get the Gatlinburg Hotel for some later meeting.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Stoney,
Secretary-Treasurer

ks
encl.

I can ✓ ~~can not~~ ____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee on August 16 & 17, 1955 at Mammoth Cave, Ky.

SIGNED [illegible]

Regret that

I ~~can~~ ____ can not ____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee on August 16 & 17, 1955 at Mammoth Cave, Ky.

JUL 26 1955

SIGNED Leonard Haas

Hope I

I can ____ can not ____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee on August 16 & 17, 1955 at Mammoth Cave, Ky.

JUL 15 1955

Dont yet know

I can ____ can not ____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16& 17, 1955.

please [illegible]

SIGNED [illegible]

I can ✓ can not _____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 & 17,1955.

JUL 11 1955

SIGNED W. A. Wright

I can _____ can not ✓ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 & 17.

Sorry. I will be working in a summer school for ministers on those dates

SIGNED Harry V. Richardson

I can _____ ~~can not~~ _____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 & 17, 1955.

SIGNED Paul D. Christopher

I can _____ ~~can not~~ _____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee on August 16 & 17, at Mammoth Cave, Ky.

SIGNED Maurice V. Ryan

I can ✓ ~~can not~~ _____ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 and 17.

SIGNED [illegible]

I can _____ can not ✓ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee on August 16 & 16 at Mammoth Cave, Ky.

SIGNED Gordon Ostrander

Sorry!

I can _____ can not ✓ attend the meeting of the SRC Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave, Ky. on August 16 & 17.

Very sorry

SIGNED Rufus E. Clement

7-1-55

July 6, 1955

July 6, 1955

KS:

In a letter from Marion Wright, June 27th, he says, "The idea of a Mammoth Cave meeting appeals to me very strongly. Deus volens I shall be there."

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MEMORANDUM:

To: The Executive Committee - Southern Regional Council

From: Grace T. Hamilton

Date: August 3, 1955

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Recognition of certain underlying needs of the Southern Regional Council was the basis for the questions raised in the annual report of the Assistant Director for Program. In the hope that the Executive Committee may give consideration to these needs, they are stated below. An analysis of Central Office functions and some suggestions for meeting the needs as defined follows in response to the request made by the Executive Committee in its May meeting. In developing the statement of needs and the suggestions for meeting them, I have benefited by the thinking of other members of the staff, although responsibility for the proposals made is mine.

NEEDS.--

1. To find ways to increase the participation and involvement of SRC Board and Executive Committee members in the planning and decision making of the SRC.

2. To develop clearer definition of the role of the SRC during the next two years of anticipated subsidy by the FFR; and for the subsequent time when the FFR grant shall have expired.

3. To achieve central staffing that can effectively handle the expanded functions of SRC in this period.

4. To achieve truly integrated staffing in both State and Central Office organizations.

5. To develop clear-cut standards for measuring the effectiveness of State Organizations and to establish procedures for remedial action when minimum standards are not met.

6. To insure that fund raising required by State organizations is carried on without undue diversion from the main purpose and business of the organization.

7. To develop increased recognition that the problems with which the SRC deals are not uniquely southern, but are part of a larger national and international context and therefore require the understanding, involvement and cooperative efforts of individuals and agencies outside of the region working with those within the region.

THE RELATION OF PURPOSE TO PROGRAM:

The purpose of an organization is basic to the determination of the program and of the means of program development of the organization. The following statement is regarded as a "working interpretation" of the SRC purpose as it is reflected in its program goals:

To encourage the development of an integrated society in the southern region; to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end; and to use a racially integrated organizational and administrative structure as a means of demonstrating within its own life the objectives which it hopes to achieve in society as a whole. This purpose has been described as a concern for the process by which things are done rather than with the result of what is done.

This purpose is consistent with accepted principles of social change, namely, that efforts directed toward changing the situations which determine behavior is the most effective approach to the change of attitude since changes in attitude usually follow rather than precede changes of behavior.

Effective organization depends upon channels for communication and division of responsibility between the professional staff and lay leadership. Specifically, this involves differentiation between the responsibility of groups which should determine the policy within which program develops, and the responsibility of professional staff employed to execute defined program functions.

It is the responsibility of the SRC through its Board and Executive Committee to determine the functions of the organization; the means through which these functions can be supported and maintained; the number and kind of employed personnel needed to discharge the functional obligations; the allocation of available financial resources in terms of the functions agreed upon; and the committee structure through which these decisions can be made, and through which the organizational experience may be evaluated in terms of changes in the social scene.

Continuous and regular evaluation of an organization's work, in the interest of improved functioning, is not possible without division of responsibility, delegation of authority and clear knowledge of who is responsible for what. It is essential that the decisions of the SRC Board, committees and staff regarding functions and execution of functions be consistent with its purpose - to demonstrate within its own life the objectives it hopes to achieve in society at large. This requires a deliberate consideration of race in the choice of staff and in the delegation of responsibility to staff. This

consideration is a factor to be taken into account in addition to the usual considerations involved in determining professional competence for particular jobs. (See Table 1)

Program development of the SRC depends upon the following functions of the Central Office.

1. Interpretation of its goal and method to individuals and to regional and national groups, in the effort to develop support, both financial and moral.

2. Continuous program planning as a basis for determining the most effective use of the organization's resources in the achievement of its purpose.

3. Advisory and consultative services to affiliated state groups in order to further the development of a program consistent with the objectives of the SRC.

4. Information services, including publications, relations with the press and other media in order to extend the organization's influence for integration.

5. Program services for church women and church related groups in order to encourage and utilize their efforts in the extension of the SRC purpose.

6. Cooperative relationship with other regional and national groups whose purposes relate to those of the SRC, in order that there may be effective use of all channels and resources for achievement of its purpose.

7. Fund raising and support.

The maintenance of supporting office and clerical services is an essential function which is necessary to undergird all other. Uneconomical use of professional personnel occurs unless this is adequately provided.

On the basis of the foregoing analysis of Central Office functions - and of the present needs of the SRC the following suggestions for modification of structure and staff responsibility are made::

It is suggested that the two day meeting of the Executive Committee consider possible revision of committee and staff structure, as a basis for the request for a second year's assistance from the FFR and as a basis for the coming year's work. Among the possibilities which might increase involvement and participation of lay leadership are the following:

1. The establishment of a Program Committee as a recognized part of the SRC's machinery. This committee might be charged by the Executive Committee with the responsibility for developing an annual budget for the program proposals approved by the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the professional staff responsible for major program divisions. (programs in states, information program, church related program, liaison relations and wider interpretation). Because of the changing context within which the SRC operates, it would seem desirable to reserve an unallocated sum annually for such other program projects as may seem desirable to the Executive Director.

The committee should be created with the power to act and would report its actions quarterly to the Executive Committee. Professional staff responsible for divisions of work would be expected to develop and present

relevant information, including estimates of cost, in regard to proposals coming before the committee for consideration.

The development of personnel standards, including job description for professional personnel needed to fulfill the functions agreed upon, and standards for salary ranges and increments might be carried by a sub-committee of the Program Committee in order to insure coordination in requirements for the job functions decided upon.

2. The establishment of a Community Services Advisory Committee. This committee might be a useful means to continue the involvement of the persons who are participating in the evaluation of program undertaken in states. This committee might include such full or part-time regional "consultants" as may be related to SRC program in states, and such other persons as may be nominated by this group on the basis of their knowledge of and acquaintance with the influencing factors in the nation and region.

3. The establishment of a region-wide committee for Interpretation and Support. This committee would be composed of members of the SRC Board, and of Board members of affiliated state groups. The committee might need to meet as a whole, at least once a year in order to determine goals, division of responsibility and an appropriate basis for sharing of funds between the regional and state organizations. It is thought that the committee would function by areas. The attendance of committee members, from time to time, in such program conferences, as may be held within the states of each area, would tend to increase understanding of the goals and methods of the SRC by those assuming responsibility for its interpretation and support.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DIVISION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE

1. The Executive Director might be freed to utilize more fully his gifts for interpretation and education in behalf of extending understanding of the SRC's purpose and of fund-raising for its support. This would enable an increased relationship with individuals and groups in the nation and region with which he has the most useful contacts.

   In order for this to be possible without detriment to other SRC program functions certain revisions in staff assignments and delegation of responsibilities would be necessary. It is therefore suggested that:

2. Provisions should be made in the Central Office for staff <u>with responsibility and authority</u> for the business administration, office management, and the coordination of administrative functions. (As distinguished from coordination of program functions) The responsibilities would include fiscal management, supervision of accounting procedures, the preparation of fiscal analysis needed by staff and committees concerned with program, and the preparation of financial reports. These functions might be filled by one or more persons depending upon the skills of the persons available. (This involves re-definition of the functions of the position of Secretary-Treasurer)

3. A full-time Negro field representative for the SRC with the professional status of Assistant Director should be employed. This should be a person qualified in terms of personal orientation to a philosophy of integration. It is suggested that his functions be defined as interpretation of SRC purposes and program to individuals and affiliated state organizations in an effort to <u>strengthen the Boards</u>

of State organizations; and to carry the staff work involved in developing the region-wide and area committees for interpretation and support. (These functions might be those of one or more of the "regional consultants" - See 4 following).

PROGRAM IN STATES

4. It is suggested that a group of professional consultants (full or part-time) be secured by the regional office for assistance in program development in states. Their functions could be to assist in the development of leadership in states and at the community level. It is assumed that the evaluation of states' programs will be completed before the request for a second year's grant from the FFR is made; and that the evaluation will provide a basis for determining the type of assistance required from the Central Office in order to develop programs consistent with the SRC purpose.

This suggestion implies recognition that the Central Office is responsible for encouraging, strengthening and developing useful programs in the state; and that in many cases, such programs will be developed only with the assistance and guidance and leadership of the SRC regional staff. If unexpended funds in the account of state organizations are made available to the SRC for its second year's work, without sacrifice in the amount of assistance to states proposed for the second year, these funds should be designated for SRC use in the development of program in states. It is hoped that decisions reached on allocations between central office and state organizations, made at the time FFR grant was received, can be reviewed and revised in the light of developing experience. (See Table 2).

5. It would be useful for the present Negro Director for State Organization to be maintanied on a part-time basis. His responsibility might become the coordination of consultants services and of other efforts to develop leadership and program activity in states.

6. It is suggested that there be a "consultant for liaison". This function might be met by a part-time position and might include responsibilities for development of cooperative relationships with national and regional organizations whose program objectives relate to those of the SRC. The responsibility might also include the selection and distribution of materials from other organizational sources for use by consultants, and by other SRC program groups, (church women, etc.).

7. It is suggested that a main emphasis in the coming year be development of understanding and the initiation of an integrated way of work in states. This may be made possible in a variety of ways, depending upon the state, and upon the nature of its present Board and staff. Continuous evaluation of program and organization in states will be needed in order to determine weakness, and to provide assistance in correcting the weakness revealed. The functions of the regional community consultants might include such evaluation.

CHURCH WOMEN - CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM

It is suggested that work with church women be strengthened through a budget allocation which will permit the planning for meetings of church women in states and adequate travel funds to enable the Secretary for Church Women to maintain regular contacts with the groups through which she works in behalf of the SRC purpose.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

In order to extend the audience for the SRC point of view through its Information Program, the following suggestions are made:

1. That the staff in the Information Program be increased in order to enable differentiation between editorial and promotion functions. Re-enforced by two additional staff members, the Director of Information could be asked to assume responsibility for development of reports, requests, and other materials needed to provide the SRC Board, foundations and other groups with an over-all interpretation of program efforts. His editorial skills and over-all comprehension of program could serve the SRC well if these responsibilities were thus delegated.

   Two additional staff assistants in the Information Program could then assume responsibility for the functions of 1)fact finding (Position of Information Assistant) and 2) promotion. (The professional staff in the Information Program would thus include four persons). Designated responsibility and specific attention to expanding circulation of New South and other SRC publications, both within and without the Southern Region and within and without the "membership" of state groups, would increase the income from publications as well as expand the usefulness of the information program.

   Additional travel funds allocated to the information program would permit the staff to increase its contacts and cultivate relationships with the press and other media.

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In considering all of the suggestions for redefinition of staff responsibility, it is taken for granted that there will be flexibility, and that the competence of available persons will be a major consideration.

It is also taken for granted that the Executive Committee will re-evaluate the role of the SRC in this period and realistically appraise its resources. On the basis of this evaluation and appraisal the functions of the SRC and possible means to fulfill them can be determined.

TABLE 1

ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE BY RACE AND FUNCTION - MAY 1,1954-MAY 31,1955

CENTRAL OFFICE

FUNCTION	TITLE	Salaries by Race WHITE	NEGRO	CLERICAL	TRAVEL	PRINT.& MATERIALS	OTHER	TOTAL
Adm. Interpretation Fund Raising	Exec.	$10,000.00		$3,000.00	$700.00			$13,700.00
Sec.Treas.		4,500.00		1,000.00				5,500.00
Special Projects	Menefee	1,733.00						
	Brewer	724.00	150.00					
	Jones							2,607.00
State Org.	Asst.for	7,000.00	2,285.00	750.00	4,516.00			14,551.00
Program Devel'mt	Asst.for		7,750.00	750.00		200.00		8,700.00
Church Rels. Program	Sec'y.	5,000.00		750.00	241.00		893.00	6,884.00
Information Program	Dir.	7,000.00		3,050.00		6,640.00		
	Ed.Asst.	4,000.00						
	Info.Asst.	4,000.00						24,690.00
Board					2,000.00			2,000.00
All other-overhead etc							18,060.00	18,060.00
TOTALS		43,957.00	10,185.00	9,300.00	7,457.00	6,840.00	18,953.00	96,692.00

*Paid - through July 15
** Resv'd - to Sept. 30

TABLE 2

PAYMENTS TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS FROM SRC

ACTUAL JUNE 1954 - JULY 15, 1955 - ESTIMATED JULY 15, 1955 - SEPT. 30, 1955

NAME	SALARY EX. DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S. S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
ALABAMA						
* Paid	$3,958.27	$200.00	$1,317.73	$104.67	$3,064.48	
**Resv'd	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00	200.00	1,817.73	135.52	3,064.48	10,217.73
ARKANSAS						
Paid	1,249.98	729.17	321.39	45.11	3,103.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,041.65	500.00	51.66		
	2,291.63	1,770.82	821.39	96.77	3,103.00	8,083.61
FLORIDA						
Paid for travel of Board members					592.60	592.60
GEORGIA						
Paid	5,624.91		2,083.31	95.81	1,302.25	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	6,666.56		2,604.13	127.06	1,302.25	10,700.00
KENTUCKY						
Paid	1,874.99	2,600.00	1,600.00	57.00	3,096.36	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,320.00	500.00	10.00		
	2,916.64	3,920.00	2,100.00	67.00	3,096.36	12,100.00
LOUISIANA						
Paid	5,624.91		1,879.16	291.03	1,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	6,666.56		2,399.98	322.28	1,800.00	11,188.82

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NAME	SALARY Ex. Dir.	SALARY ASSO OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S. S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI						
Paid	2,291.63		536.86	52.08	2,044.67	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25	–	
	3,333.28		1,057.68	83.33	2,044.67	6,518.96
NORTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.33		1,304.17	91.08	3,080.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		500.00	35.00		
	5,000.00		1,804.17	126.08	3,080.00	10,010.25
SOUTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.27		1,328.05	88.87	3,080.28	
Resv'd	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000,00		1,828.05	119.72	3,080.28	10,028.05
TENNESSEE						
Paid		150.00	397.74 (O.M.)	8.08	1,509.80	
Resv'd		3,850.00	729.15 "	14.58		
		4,000,00	1,126.89	22.66	1,509.80	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expenses					932.57	7,591.92
TEXAS						
Paid	3,541.61		1,562.48	85.41	2,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		520.83	31.25		
	4,583.28		2,083.31	116.66	2,800.00	9,583.25
VIRGINIA						
Paid	208.33	–	–	4.17	1,500.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67	625.00	625.00	45.83		
	1,250.00	625.00	625.00	50.00	1,500.00	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expenses of SRC staff in Virginia					634.47	4,684.47
TOTALS	42,707.95	10,515.82	18,268.33	1,267.08	28,540.48	
				GRAND TOTAL		101,299.66

Total Grant for State Orgs. 1954 - 1955 - $158,000
Estimated Expenditure Sept 30,1955 101,000
Estimated Bal. Sept. 30,1955 $ 57,000

TABLE 3

ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS - ESTIMATED COSTS

S. R. C. - CENTRAL OFFICE - 1955-56, ACTUAL COSTS - MAY 54 - JUNE 55

FUNCTION	TITLE	PROF'L SALARIES	BK.-KP. CLERICAL	TRAVEL	MAT. &/or PRINTING	CON-FERENCES	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL ESTIMATES
INTER-PRETATION & FUND RAISING	Ex. Dir.	10,000	3,000	700			3,000	16,700	16,700 (16,308)
GEN. & FISCAL MANAGEMENT	Bus. Mgr.	6,000	3,600					9,600	
			2,400					2,400	12,000 (5,500)
INFORMATION PROGRAM				500	7,000			7,500	
	Director	7,000						7,000	
	Ed. Asst.	4,000						4,000	
	Info. "	4,000						4,000	
	Prom. "	4,000						4,000	26.500 (24,690)
PROGRAM IN STATES			3,000	10,000		13,000		26,000	
	Coordinator	3,750						3,750	
	Consultants	30,000						30,000	
	Asst. for Org.	7,000						7,000	66,750 (14,551)
LIAISON & MATERIAL			1,500	500	200			2,200	
	Consultants	3,750						3,750	5,950 (8,700)
CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM			1,500	1,500		5,000		8,000	
	SECRETARY	6,000						6,000	14,000 (6,884)
OVERHEAD							19,000	19,000	19,000 (18,060)
BOARD EXPENSE							2,000	2,000	2,000 (2,000)
TOTAL		85,500	15,000	13,200	7,200	18,000	24,000	162,900	162,900 (96,693)

(Figures in parentheses are actual figures for 1954-55)

TABLE 4

ESTIMATES OF COSTS AND INCOME IN RELATION TO S. R. C. PROGRAM FUNCTIONS
CENTRAL OFFICE AND IN STATES 1955 - 56

COSTS

I.	Subsidy to States*		$126,000.00*
II.	Central Office		
	1. Program development in States	$66,750.00	
	2. Information Program	26,500.00	
	3. Church Relations Program	14,000.00	
	4. Liaison and Materials	5,950.00	
	5. Interpretation & Fund Raising	16,700.00	
	6. General and fiscal Administration	12,000.00	
	7. Over-Head	19,000.00	
	8. Board and all other	2,000.00	
			$162,900.00
	TOTAL		$288,900.00

INCOME

1. Anticipated FFR Assistance		
a. For Program in States*	$126,000.00*	
b. For Central Office	24,000.00	
c. Balance - 1954-55 Grant	57,000.00	
		$207,000.00
2. Balance - Duke and Field Grants	$ 13,804.00	
3. Field Fund Assistance 1956	5,000.00	
		$ 18,804.00
4. Needed from other sources		$ 63,096.00
a. Special Grant for Program Development in States		
b. Other		
TOTAL		$288,900.00

* State organizations have been told that the second year's assistance from the SRC would be as follows:

Salary for Director	5,000.00	
" " Associate	2,500.00	
" " Clerical Asst.	2,500.00	
Toward other costs	500.00	
		$ 10,500.00
In June, 1955, State orgs. were assured an additional ---------- to permit an equal salary of an associate	2,500.00	
		$ 13,000.00

On the basis of these earlier proposals $156,000.00 would be needed for direct subsidy to twelve states. The amount estimated for direct subsidy assumes a state-by-state appraisal of possibilities for program development consistent with S. R. C. purpose, and assistance from the Central Office to organize or remedy existing organizational weakness in certain states. With these assumptions, it is estimated that $13,000.00 for direct subsidy will not be needed for all states.

August 3, 1955

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Bessie McDaniel
Reservation Clerk
Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. McDaniel:

This confirms our telephone conversation of yesterday re the addition of two single rooms to our previous reservation of eight double rooms, thus raising the total number of rooms reserved for the Southern Regional Council to ten.

We expect to assemble for dinner at 6:00, August 17th, and to be served with all meals through breakfast on the morning of the 18th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

P. S. I enclose a list of persons expected to attend our meetings who will be staying at the hotel.

Executive Committee Meeting August 16-18, 1955

August 4, 1955

RESERVATIONS MADE FOR:

John Constable

Harold Fleming

Grace Towns Hamilton - Open return from Louisville

Elizabeth Brantley

Mr & Mrs. James Burnie - call 8/5/55

EASTERN AIR LINES' FLIGHT 162, leaving Atlanta August 16th at 1:30 p.m., arriving Bowling Green, Kentucky, at 4:31 p.m. Mr. Parrish to arrange for transportation from Bowling Green to the Mammoth Cave Hotel. (Telephone Glasgow 561)

EASTERN AIR LINES' FLIGHT 185, leaving Bowling Green August 18th at 4:05 Central Standard Time, arriving Atlanta at 8:20 p.m.

cc: Mr. Parrish
Mrs. Alexander

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

August 10, 1955

RA:

Total cost of tickets to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, is $264.72 as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Birnie (family plan $69.25)
X John Griffin = $79.31
*John Constable
*Harold Fleming
*Elizabeth Brantley Charleston, S.C.
X-from/[redacted]
*$38.72 each

Can you make up a check and have Joe pick them up at the Piedmont Hotel (Forsythe St.) between now and Friday at 5:00?

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

August 10, 1955

Harold Fleming
John Constable
Mr. and Mrs. Birnie
EAB

EAL Flight 162 - 8/16 - Atlanta 1:30 p.m. arrive Bowling Green, Ky. at 4:31 p.m.

EAL Flight 185 - 8/18 - Bowling Green 4:05 CST, arrive Atlanta 8:20 p.m.

August 3, 1955

A I R M A I L

Dr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Dr. Mitchell is out of town -- to return on Friday of this week -- and I thought that I would write you in answer to your letter about transportation to the Executive Committee Meeting August 16, 17, and 18, at Mammoth Cave Hotel, Kentucky.

Eastern Air Lines has a Flight 598 which leaves New Orleans at 10:45 a.m., and arrives in Birmingham, Alabama at 12:50 p.m. Once in Birmingham, you can catch the same flight on which will be the bulk of the Atlanta people; Flight 162, which leaves Birmingham at 2:15 p.m., and arrives in Bowling Green, Kentucky at 4:31 p.m. Mr. C. H. Parrish expects to meet that plane, or to arrange for it to be met, so that we will have transportation on to the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

I send this on in Dr. Mitchell's absence so that you might make early reservations.

A reservation has been made in your name at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

EAL Fl. 177 Bowling Green 7:45 a.m. 8/17, arrive Atlanta at 11:30 a.m. DAL. Fl. 478, Lv. Atlanta 1:30 p.m. arrive Charleston, S.C. at 3:18 p.m. Cost 79.31

August 3, 1955

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This letter has reference to our telephone conversation of yesterday, at which time you asked me to check on plane reservations from Charleston, South Carolina, to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Delta Air Lines has a Flight 471 leaving Charleston, South Carolina at 9:45 a.m., and arriving in Atlanta at 11:57 a.m. From Atlanta you would catch the same flight as the rest of the Atlanta members of the Executive Committee; Eastern Air Lines' Flight 162, leaving at 1:30 p.m., which stops briefly at Birmingham, Alabama, and then on to arrive in Bowling Green, Kentucky at 4:31 p.m. Mr. C. H. Parrish expects to meet that plane, or to arrange for it to be met, so that we will have transportation on to the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

A reservation has been made in your name at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Dr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

P. S. Please give me a call if you would like me to make plane reservations for you.

August 10, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

Toward meeting the hotel bill at Mammoth Cave, I suggest the following procedure:

(a) You to provide me with a cashier's check for $400, payable to Mammoth Cave Hotel.

(b) In order to provide for the contingency that the bill may be in excess of $400 you to provide me with a $75.00 cash travel advance, and I would settle the bill out of that and clear with you on return.

Note that both of these should be in hand in the course of business Monday, August 15th.

Fail Not to note that I will need the $75.00 in cash, which I daresay means endorsing an earlier-written check.

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

August 12, 1955

John Griffin:

DAL Fl 471 lv. Charleston, S. C. at 9:45 a.m. 8/16 - arr. Atlanta at 11:47 a.m. Lv. Atl. at ~~1:30~~ 12:50 EAL Fl ~~[illegible]~~ 254, arriving Bowling Green Ky., at 4:31 p.m. (change planes) Nashville

EAL Fl 177 lv. Bowling Green 8/18 at 7:45 a.m., arrive Atlanta at 11:30 a.m. DAL Fl 478 lv. Atlanta 1:30 p.m., arrive Charleston, S. C., at 3:18 p.m.

Cost = $79.31

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

8/10/55

Dr. Mitchell:

In accordance with your memo to Kack (I find nothing to indicate that she has acted on it), dtd 7/12, I am attaching:

1. A staff organization chart

2. Job Description Sheet

These were prepared for the 7/30/55 meeting of the Executive Committee

3. Cost Analysis SRC Central Office

This was prepared for the Executive Committee meeting of May 26th.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

August 12, 1955

Ruth:

Piedmont Hotel - Reservations for;

Mrs. Tilly
Ruth Alexander
John Constable
Harold Fleming @ 38.72 each
Elizabeth Brantley (Total = $193.60)

Mr. and Mrs. Birnie (Family Plan) =$69.25

TOTAL COST OF TICKETS = $262.85

EAL F1162, lv. Atl. 8/16 1:30 p.m.
arr. Bowling Green, Ky., 4:31 p.m.

EAL F1185, lv. Bowling Green 8/18

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

8/10/55

Mr. Parrish:

A reminder that a check should be made on manner of payment to the Mammoth Cave Hotel for guests and meals, August 16, 17, & 18.

Also. The tickets for Mammoth cave are to be picked up at the Luckie Street ticket office -- I cannot do so, I am wondering if you would because you have a credit card. (latest date - August 13th)

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

8/10/55

Mr. Parrish - This is all the information I have about travel by car to Mammoth Cave. I have had no requests for this kind of information, except/~~from~~ing Dr. Mitchell's.

SOUTHBOUND; Route 255 to Park City turn left at Park City to Route 70, and on 70 into Mammoth Cave.

NORTHBOUND:

Turn right at Cave City onto 70, and then in to Mammoth Cave.

Executive Committee Meeting August 16-18, 1955

August 4, 1955

FILE COPY

Mrs. Tilly ✓

RESERVATIONS MADE FOR:

Ruth Alexander ✓

John Constable ✓

Harold Fleming ✓

38.72 per

~~Grace Towns Hamilton - Open return from Louisville~~ Cancelled 8/10/55

Elizabeth Brantley ✓

Mr. + Mrs. James Burnie ✓ 8/5/55 - Family Plan ($69.25)

EASTERN AIR LINES' FLIGHT ~~152~~ 254, leaving Atlanta August 16th at ~~1:30~~ 12:50 p.m., arriving Bowling Green, Kentucky, at 4:31 p.m. Mr. Parrish to arrange for transportation from Bowling Green to the Mammoth Cave Hotel. (Telephone Glasgow 561) Change planes in Nashville

EASTERN AIR LINES' FLIGHT 185, leaving Bowling Green August 18th at 4:05 Central Standard Time, arriving Atlanta at 8:20 p.m.

38.72
3
6.16
69.25
$185.41
including

Tickets to be picked up before 7:00 p.m., August 13th

cc: Mr. Parrish
Mrs. Alexander

Piedmont Hotel → Georgia

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY
August 16 & 17, 1955

	CAN ATTEND	CANNOT ATTEND
1. Morris Abram	~~x (isn't sure)~~	No.
2. C. M. Birnie	x (+ Mr. Birnie)	
3. Paul Christopher	x	
4. Rufus Clement		x
5. Albert W. Dent	x	
6. John A. Griffin		
7. Leonard Haas		x
8. Gordon B. Hancock		x
9. J. McDowell Richards		x
10. Harry V. Richardson		x
11. Maurice V. Shean	x	
12. Carter Wesley	x (hopes to)	
13. Josephine Wilkins		
14. Marion A. Wright	x	
15. Frederick B. Routh	x	
16. John Constable	x	
17. Harold Fleming	x	
18. George S. Mitchell	x (+ Mrs. Mitchell)	
19. C. H. Parrish	x	
20. G. T. Hamilton	x	
21. EAB	x	
22. Mr. Tilly		

(8 double rooms reserved as of 6/26/55 - obviously not enough)

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Abram, Morris
515 Healey Building
Atlanta

Birnie, C. Maxwell
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta

Christopher, Paul
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Clement, Rufus E.
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Dent, Albert W.
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Griffin, John A.
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Haas, Leonard
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta

Hancock, Gordon B.
Virginia Union Univ.
Richmond, Virginia

Richards, J. McDowell
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Decatur, Georgia

Richardson, Harry V.
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta

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Wesley, Carter
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Wilkins, Josephine
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Wright, Marion A.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

7/13/55
eab/

August 12, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

In connection with Loescher's call this morning, I thought it would be handy to you to have a few copies of New South available at the time of your Board meeting. I send up separately a slim package. More if any need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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New South Feb. '54
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Answers for Action
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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

August 12, 1955

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Ave. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harold:

Just a note to remind you that I hope you will arrange at Mammoth Cave to set up an exhibit immediately upon arrival showing the newspaper clippings, etc., which you have always had on hand but which we hardly ever have time to examine. This time we may have full opportunity.

I should also like very muchto see a display of such pamphlets as you think might be suitable for our sending as exhibits and for sale purposes to various religious and other conventions, institutes, public meetings, etc. ~~which~~ I should like to see us all begin to think more seriously about securing much wider distribution of our product.

I enjoyed the session with you at Greenville and look forward to testing with you at Mammoth Cave some samples of a celebrated Kentucky product.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. W. Wright

M. W. Wright

MAW:EJG

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 432 63 AUBURN AVE NE ATLA=

AUG 12 1955

REGRET EXCEEDINGLY THAT DILLARD AFFAIRS PROHIBIT MY ATTENDING MAMMOTH CAVE MEETING=

A W DENT=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

August 12, 1955

BA:

On John Griffin's travel from Charleston to Mammoth Cave and back, I purchased with Mitchell's credit card, for $79.31, the ticket. Just to save issuing a check. Please charge the item to the Mammoth Cave meeting, and therefore to the state money if we do that.

eab/

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF
. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

Northbound

From Nashville on Route 31 W pass through Bowling Green Turn left at Park City onto Rt. 255 which runs into Rt. 70 into Mammoth Cave

Southbound

From Louisville on Route 31W pass through Horse Cave - Turn Right at Cave City onto Rt. 70 into Mammoth Cave -

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 16, 17, 1955

Executive Committee Members

Mr. John Griffin

Mr. Paul Christopher

Father Maurice V. Shean

Mr. Carter Wesley

Mr. Marion A. Wright

~~Miss Josephine Wilkins~~

Mr. A. W. Dent (~~will try to come~~) tom-it

Staff Members - SRC

Ruth Alexander

C. H. Parrish

Frederick B. Routh

Harold C. Fleming

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

George Mitchell

John Constable

Elizabeth Brantley

Note: According to By-Laws, a quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY
August 16 & 17, 1955

		CAN ATTEND	CANNOT ATTEND
1.	Morris Abram	x (isn't sure)	
2.	C. M. Birnie	x (+ Mr. Birnie)	
3.	Paul Christopher	x	
4.	Rufus Clement		x
5.	Albert W. Dent	x	
6.	John A.Griffin		
7.	Leonard Haas		
8.	Gordon B. Hancock		x
9.	J. McDowell Richards		
10.	Harry V. Richardson		x
11.	Maurice V. Shean	x	
12.	Carter Wesley	x (hopes to)	
13.	Josephine Wilkins		
14.	Marion A. Wright	x	

15.	Frederick B. Routh	x	
16.	John Constable	x	
17.	Harold Fleming	x	
18.	George S. Mitchell	x (+ Mrs. Mitchell)	
19.	C. H. Parrish	x	
20.	G. T. Hamilton	x	
21.	EAB	x	

(8 double rooms reserved as of 6/26/55 - obviously not enough)

August 19, 1955

The Mammoth Cave Hotel
Mammoth Cave,
Kentucky

Gentlemen:

The hotel and all its staff were kindness itself to our Southern Regional Council meeting, August 16, 17, and 18, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 19, 1955

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
The Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Your report was discussed with profound interest at the meeting of the Committee; good solid hours, and point by point. It is clear that big chunks of its recommendations will find their way into Council use, here and in the states. Nothing but praise for the care and insight which you put into it. It is a notable contribution to the program planning of the show, and caps your year of toil on our behalf.

As part of the staff I thought some way should be found to compensate you, as well as money could, for the months of worry and of searching, and the actual weeks of time on writing it, so much of this latter while you were nominally on a vacation. The Executive Committee approved a recommendation that the Council send you a sum of $350.00 in recognition of the time you put on it, and Marion Wright will be writing you with the appreciation of the Council. Richly earned.

Sincerely, and with
personal appreciation,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - $350 check

August 19, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: RA

FROM: GSM

The bill from the Mammoth Cave Hotel for all lodging of SRC personnel, including Alice Mitchell, and for all signed meal stubs to the hour of 11:50 a.m., August 18th, was $162.20.

You gave me a cashier's check for $400. I, therefore, owe you $237.80.

But Alice Mitchell's meals charged on stubs (including an approximation of tips paid on her behalf in case to waiters, which tips will appear in GSM's expense account) amounted to $3.40; and Alice Mitchell's room was stated by the Hotel to be charged at $3.50 per night, or a total of $7.00. GSM therefore owes SRC $3.40 plus $7.00, or $10.40.

The combined sum is $248.20. Herewith $249.00. SRC owes me in change 80¢.

August 19, 1955

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

Sorry not to have you for the meeting August 10th and 11th. Did you confuse that with the Executive Committee meeting at Mammoth Cave, August 16, 17, and 18? You had said by postal card that you could come, and we kept hoping for your presence and your company (and your place in the quorum!). Good meeting, with deep discussion. Minutes will come along.

I do not think an SRC mailing on the Jubilee issue would be useful to more than a small percentage of our subscribers. But if you would send me a hundred copies, I will try to get them into hands that will want to get the issue better known.

Surely you and Rock Hill are on the right track when you try to set up the Citizens' Committee.

Except dutifully, I do not press you on that $100.

I do greatly hope that as the Fall months come along I can be in your company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 17, 1955

AUG 19 1955

DR. GEORGE MITCHELL
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 AUBURN AVENUE N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR DOCTOR:

I WANTED SO VERY BADLY TO COME TO THAT LAST MEETING WHICH YOU HAD ON THE 10TH, AND 11TH, AND I HAD EVERY INTENTION OF DOING SO. HOWEVER THE ACTIVITIES HERE, PARTICULARLY THE WORK WITH THE FARM, HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET AWAY. I WANTED TO COME BECAUSE I AM INTENSELY INTERESTED IN EXCHANGING SOME IDEAS WITH YOU ON THIS WHOLE PROGRAM OF INTEGRATION; AND SECONDLY, I WANTED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THE PROGRAMMING. THIRDLY, I ALSO WANTED TO FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A POSSIBLE OPENING ON YOUR STAFF FOR A MAN WHO I THINK IS THOROUGHLY COMPETENT AND CAN DO A FAIRLY DECENT JOB PARTICULARLY PROMOTIONAL FIELD. FOURTHLY, I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY JUBILEE TO INTEREST PEOPLE IN THEIR SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THEIR MAGAZINE. WE ARE SENDING COPIES OF THE ENCLOSED ADVERTISING MATERIAL TO ALL THE PEOPLE ON OUR MAILING LIST. I AM WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO USE SOME OF THEM IN SOME OF YOUR MAILING. I HAVE THEM ON HAND AND COULD SEND THEM TO YOU IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD FIT IN WITH YOUR POLICY OR NOT. IF IT DOESN'T, JUST DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU.

WE ARE LAUNCHING AN INTEGRATION POLL HERE IN ROCK HILL TODAY, A SAMPLING OF 500 CITIZENS. WE ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO GET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO SET UP AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND I WOULDN'T BE A BIT SURPRISED IF WE MIGHT NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER I AM MAKING NO RASH PROMISES. I SHALL KNOW BY THURSDAY OR FRIDAY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT LOOKS FEASIBLE.

LASTLY, I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE $100.00 AND I WILL GET IT TO YOU AROUND THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

WITH EVERY BEST PERSONAL WISH,

YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:E

THE ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE

FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AMONG NEGROES

AUG 23 1955

239 AUBURN AVENUE ATLANTA, GA.

TELEPHONE WALNUT 2355

August 22, 1955

My dear George:

It is gratifying to know that the memorandum prepared for the Executive Committee was helpful as the committee and staff considered ways to make the Southern Regional Council more effective in the months ahead. Thank you for your gracious letter and for the honorarium which came with it.

With my best wishes always and sincere regards,

Your friend,

Gracie

Mrs. G. T. Hamilton
Executive Director

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

GTH:mm

MEMBER AGENCY OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST

August 22, 1955

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Dr. Clement:

I greatly regret that you did not find it possible to attend the Mammoth Cave meeting. In my opinion, it was the most satisfactory meeting of the Executive Committee in my experience in spite of very small attendance.

It was agreed that SRC should employ an administrative assistant to the Executive Director to begin service, if possible, on October 1st. The personnel committee, consisting of you, George Mitchell and myself was instructed to prepare immediately a job description for this individual in order that negotiations may be carried on with a clear understanding by all parties of the exact duties he is to perform. The minutes of the meeting will show that George Mitchell stated extemporaneously what the duties should be. It was agreed that his statement was substantially accurate, although perhaps subject to some polishing and elaboration. It will serve as a convenient starter.

Since you and he are in Atlanta and will have access to the stenographic notes of the meeting, I would like to urge that you get with George immediately and agree upon the wording. I am sure that I will

go along with whatever you two agree upon, but would appreciate your sending me a copy if time permits.

Since the person selected will be subject to the approval of the personnel committee, I hope that you will confer freely with George from the outset in order that he may have the benefit of your judgment.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. W.

M. A. Wright

MAW:EJG

c c to George Mitchell

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 22, 1955.

FILE COPY

MEMORANDUM

FROM: George S. Mitchell

TO: Directors of State Organizations

The Executive Committee of SRC, at their meeting at Mammoth Cave August 16, 17, 18, 1955, passed the following resolution:

> On motion agreed that any state which at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rate quota, would have its assistance cut off until it meets its first year and current requirements.

I am getting this action before you at the earliest practicable moment. If you have questions as to amounts involved they can be answered by later means, but the fact of the action should be of notice to you.

GSM/vc

August 22, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

In accordance with our conversation by telephone, I enclose two copies of the statement of action by the Executive Committee of the Council taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting.

Again, I am sorry that you could not be with us at the meeting. It was a pleasant one in my opinion, what with being so far removed from the hustle and bustle of Atlanta.

You may mail the statements back to Dr. Mitchell's secretary, Mrs. Brantley. I was assigned only to pass them along to you for approval or disapproval.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Editorial Assistant

encl.

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
864 HUNTER ST., S. W.
ROOM E
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

August 26, 1955

AUG 29 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Under date of August 22, I received a letter from Mr. John Constable in which he enclosed two copies of the statement of action by the Executive Committee of the Council taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting.

It is my understanding that the matter was sent to me for a vote of approval or disapproval of the various items. I have carefully read over the statement and find all items meet with my approval with the exception of Item 3, and with reservations about Item 5.

With regard to Item 3: "It was upon motion agreed that the letter of request to the Fund for the Republic was approved by the Executive Committee", it would be necessary for me to have a copy of the letter of request to the Fund for the Republic before I could give an honest opinion with regard to that item.

With regard to Item 5: "It was upon motion agreed that if the opportunity is presented to the Southern Regional Council to sponsor a legal reporting service, the Executive Director is authorized to set it up", I am not sufficiently familiar with the requirements and the desires for a legal reporting service and would be interested to know how such a service would be financed.

When I shall have received further information, I shall be glad to write you again with regard to the Mammoth Cave meeting.

Very truly yours,

Cassandra M. Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

CMB/eam

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895 ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 23, 1955

AUG 25 1955

DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432
63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GA.

DEAR DOCTOR:

YOU ARE RIGHT. I DID CONFUSE THE AUGUST 10TH AND 11TH MEETING. I SOMEWHERE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE 10TH AND 11TH MEETING WAS INSTEAD OF THE ONE AT MAMMOTH CAVE, WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE I HAD DEFINITELY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE AWAY ON THE 16TH, 17TH, 18TH AND BE AT THE CAVE AND I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE.

I HOPE I GET TO SEE YOU SOON BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT.

YOURS IN CHRIST & ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:MRF

September 7, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra M. Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Room E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Cassandra:

Appreciate it a lot; trouble to you, but it locks a quorum, which had been wobbly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
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August 31, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter comes as a supplement to my letter to you of August 26 and with my thanks to you for asking Mr. John Constable to show me the material requested and to explain the background Items 3 and 5.

As to Item 5, all reservations are now dissolved. As to Item 3, having read your very full letter of August 19 to Mr. David Freeman, I have no hesitancy in adding my approval to that of the others.

This letter then, in addition to my letter to you of August 26, last, will serve as my answer to the poll of the members of the Executive Committee and my approval of all actions taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting of the Executive Committee.

Very truly yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

CMB/eam

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTES

Following the meeting with the staff, the Executive Committee went into Executive Session, at which the following action was taken:

1. It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer forward to Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton the Council's check in the amount of $350, in compensation for her services in the thorough and painstaking report which she had prepared, and which was widely discussed at this meeting. In addition, the President was directed to express to Mrs. Hamilton the Council's appreciation of her services in this regard. This action was pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Director.

2. It was moved and carried that the sense of the Executive Committee was that the office of Administrative Assistant was vital to the success of the Council's program; that this office should be filled without regard to the action taken by the Fund for the Republic on the Council's application, this day approved; and that the Personnel Committee should immediately prepare a job analysis for the position and attempt to fill it by October 1st, 1955.

3. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that, one the budget was adopted, there should be no reallocation of funds within the budget without the approval of the Ececutive Committee and no commitment or proposal for use of any of such funds otherwise than as stated in the budget without the approval in advance of the Executive Committee.

4. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director), should be present with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine.

5. The Executive Director was requested, as promptly as possible, to notify the Executive Committee of meeting dates for the ensuing year, in order that conflicting engagements may not be entered into.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1955.

1. It was upon motion agreed that the resignation from the Executive Committee of Mr. J. McDowell Richards be accepted. Dr. Mitchell is to write Mr. Richards regarding this action.

2. It was upon motion agreed that any state which at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rata quota would have its assistance cut off until it meets its first year and current requirements.

3. It was upon motion agreed that the letter of request to the Fund for the Republic was approved by the Executive Committee.

4. It was upon motion agreed that the Executive Committee approved the proposal (though not necessarily the exact language) with regard to awards to communities for desegregation progress, and urged the Executive Director to carry through on it.

5. It was upon motion agreed that if the opportunity is presented to the Southern Regional Council to sponsor a legal reporting service, the Executive Director is authorized to set it up.

NOTES:

The President of the Council decided that a quorum of Executive Committee members were present (took the position that the Executive Director is a member except for the purposes of voting). He recommended that another member of the Executive Committee be advised as to action taken and polled for approval or disapproval.

NOTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAMMOTH CAVE HOTEL
MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY
August 16-18, 1955

Opening meeting August 16th in Room 100 of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Parrish, Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All the states are now organized. Florida employed an Executive Director, effective August 15th. The FFR was told that the states would be going by October 1, '54; in effect, seven were set up by then.

Georgia has more than raised its quota of funds; Texas has just about raised its money; South Carolina and Alabama will clearly have raised theirs by September 30. Three states lag -- Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas. No prediction as to Virginia and Florida. North Carolina will probably be coming through by September 30. Believed that all the states will have raised quotas by September 30. Has cautioned states that they must raise money or there will be no way of assisting them during the coming year.

Because so many states started late, some money will be left over. FFR gave permission to use about $37,000 out of $57,000 for employment of associates. Arkansas has employed a full-time associate; Mississippi a half-time white associate; South Carolina Dr. McClain [no notes on whether full or half-time]; Virginia half-time associate; Kentucky and Tennessee employing white and Negro consultants. North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas not yet employed associates.

Wright. question for future discussion re administrative and policy procedures as to associates vs. consultants.

In accordance with amended rules re Nominating Committee, Committee has been notified as to time meeting should be held (at least 30 days prior to annual meeting) and as to suggested persons suitable to be asked to become members. Hugh Brimm chosen previously as representative of state groups; now executive director of KCHR. Stated that it would be well to let Mr. Brimm continue to serve on the Nominating Committee, as he is only temporarily employed as Exec. Dir. of KCHR, with the stipulation that the Nominating Committee report show that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Mr. Brimm) was not technically a member of the Board, but that the Exec. Com. suggested that he continue as a member until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Miss Stoney resigned as Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. Alexander is currently service as acting Secretary-Treasurer. Duties of Secretary-Treasurer included budgetary control functions and a good deal of clerical work in helping to raise money; the changing of those duties would leave byelaws pretty well undisturbed.

No one is employed as Program Director. Exec. Dir. will recommend in future application to FFR that a salary be provided for such a job.

Mrs. Tilly continues to do a good job in Women's work. Some discrimination in salary. Asked the Committee to discuss and decide what to do about it.

Would like to persuade Mr. Parrish (now part-time) to come on to the staff full-time.

Mrs. Tilly needs private office, however no other space available on present floor, and in light of recent renovations would not like to move.

Travelled a great deal among labor unions, teaching at labor schools for A.F.L and CIO over the South; well worth it.

Mrs. Tilly doing an increasingly able job with churches; could do more, but there is not enough money.

Frank Loescher visited central office and state organizations' offices in June of this year.

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New South subscriptions now something over three thousand paid. Engine of recruitment of subscriptions through state organizations working very well. $2.00 comes out of every $5.00 (or whatever a particular state membership is) for N.S. subscription. Believed that more subscriptions would be picked up in fall months. Aims for around 5,000 subscriptions.

FBR has done a grand job in going out to the states. State staff people were convened at Race Relations Institute at Fisk Univ., which cost a little more than $2,000 (present figure $1,974 -- other expense accounts expected).

In application for tax-exemption by the Ga. Committee on Interracial Cooperation, a note had been inserted that it (GCIC) had appealed to Ga. legislature to outlaw Ku Klux Klan. Washington, D. C. approved tax-exemption for Committee, but not exemption for persons contributing to it. It was stated that the Washington tax people believed the GCIC to be an organization promoting well-being for some segment of the population and not an educational organization. Appeal was made and hearing was set. Delay to July 8th to enable Morris Abram to prepare an argument. $750 was fee charged. Present at hearing were Mr. Abram, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Wells, and four treasury officials. Not official ruling yet, but "free" information indicates that previous conditions of tax-exemption held. Mr. Abram perfectly willing to go to court on it. So far as is known SRC exempt standing has not come into question.

One further development: Kentucky has move ahead with application and has been granted tax-exemption by Louisville office. In answer to Mr. Wright, it was stated that none of the other states would have a history of quasi-political activity.

Mrs. Tilly. Was not consulted about application, and upon investigation it would be found that a great deal of the information submitted by GCIC was untrue.

Mr. Wright had written earlier requesting job descriptions and salaries

and organizational charts be put before executive session of Committee. These were made available.

Wright. Possible to put in one or two more partitions for office space? Believed ~~xxxxxx~~ unsatisfactory because of noise and traffice

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - FBR

Noted very special significance of having board members of state organizations in the South -- between 20 to 40 members per state -- all of whom are more or less committed to this field.

Alabama. More than 300 members. Divided state into seven districts; five so far organized, two to go -- both in black belt and very hard to work with. Alabama Council presently keeping close eye on activities of Citizens' Councils; have been working with FBI on. Related incident at Wadley, Ala., which occurred when Negroes were housed on 2nd floor of cottage, white persons on first floor; Negroes asked to leave and did so. Came to SRC central office and call was placed to Bob Hughes, who had already gone over to see what could be done. His visit resulted in formation of a citizens council which issued a statement that the action against the Negroes was deplored and was not representative of Wadley. In Birmingham district, some question about courage of group, though not about character of group. Another group in Birmingham is composed of "kept leadership," a group of Negro leaders representing the "status quo." Alabama needs basically a strengthening of the Board in terms of progressive leadership (white and Negro), help from labor, and the employment of a Negro associate. Is considering a consultant's program.

Arkansas. Excellent board; representative of almost all facets of state population including geographical. Fully integrated staff. Staff currently visiting school superintendents. Very good liason between NAACP in Arkansas and the ACHR, but different roles of two groups have been carefully defined.

Georgia. Considering persons for position of associate director. Mrs. Tilly believes thing to do in Ga. is to get consultants. Told of consideration of Mr. Pitts and of Mr. Lumpkin.

Kentucky. Started out with consultants arrangement. Recommendation from consultants and from their exec. com., is that the KCHR employ an exec. dir., and a high-type clerical person. Mr. Brimm, employed as exec. dir. about June 30, has visited some 30 counties, has written about five or six hundred letters to important people throughout the state re the KCHR. Some of the KCHR's consultants have been recalled to communities to be consultants to school officials in the matter of desegregation. Board is very capable, and most of people on executive committee are skilled in the field of human relations. Mr. Wright called attention to front-page article on KCHR in Louisville Courier-Journal

Louisiana. Exec. Dir should rely very heavily on experienced board. There is not an experienced board in La. Vige was chosen on the responsibility and recommendation of New Orleans Committee. Has been some resentment about that on part of La. people generally. Is now considering a consultant program. Also thinking of setting up seven districts. Three efforts so far outside of New Orleans -- Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport. Has received no answers to queries re evaluation of state organization from La.

Mississippi. Msgr. Brunini is acting chairman in absence of Rabbi Mantinband. Do have a vice-chairman, Mr. Cox, who is able and quite active. Corporate papers are being held up by state of Mississippi. Associate Director (Methodist woman), white, has been hired part-time. Mitchell. stated that Rabbi Mantinband is not satisfied with the way things are being run. Routh stated that Msgr. Brunini thought that a woman would be less likely to be under fire in Miss., than would a man.

North Carolina. Fairly good board — still needs strengthening. Not nearly representative of various facets of population. Needs to be broken down into committees. The Exec. Dir., — according to some members of board — has not been sufficiently agressive. Has spent a year or so getting organized. Recently went to see governor of N.C. about desegregation in schools and was referred to state education people whom he has seen. From organizational point of view Jones is one of more skillful people but needs more direction from board or maybe a small administrative body that he could consult at least once a week. New state chairman -- R. D. Wellons.

South Carolina. New state chairman -- Claude Evans-- editor of Methodist paper, Christian Advocate. Associate Director, _____ McClain dean at Morris College. Contacts made with PTAs, Negro and white, and with church groups, etc.

Tennessee. Adopted consultant program. Needs to be strengthened in terms of Negro members. Because both of present consultants are administrative officers in colleges, their roles as consultants are made more difficult. Both are from western Tennessee. New active acting chairman, Haskell Miller. Bill Jones, sociologist, Univ. of Tenn, coordinating consultants' program. Colston on coordinating committee. Consultants have visited about 20 communities, and have requested materials to be sent to various persons in Tenn. Attempted to write manual for consultants spelling out working relationship between field directors and Tenn.central office. (FBR had copy). Instead of exec. dir., Tenn has office manager. Is considered a coordinator. In manual is a listing of job descriptions for all personnel. Needs better representation throughout the state, stronger board, more involvement of Fisk people.

Texas. Difficult. Board is maternalistic and paternalistic in attitude. Fisk conference disagreement between two board members and exec. dir. of TCHR.

Routh and Mitchell conferred with them at the time. Since Fisk Conf. Sutherland has contacted all school superintendents in state and has been trying to see what to do about Citizens' Councils which are currently being formed in Texas. Considering R. O'Hara Lanier and W. A. Banks for position of associate director. Banks, however, is in late 70's or early 80's and not believed physically capable of getting about state. Hoping for two people at least, either part or full-time.

Virginia. Impressive board. Needs to be strengthened in terms of geographical representation (specifically Tidewater area). Jack Marion, Presbyterian minister is Exec. Dir., and William Cooper, Hampton Institute, is Assoc. Exec. Dir., part-time. Both are exceptionally skillful and tactful.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - CHP

Out of Ala. trip was born idea of consultants. Main idea was that highly qualified people could be obtained easiest on part-time basis than on full-time. Last Summer CHP travelled over South to get in touch with old board members of state councils in effort to implement whole matter of state organizations. Pretty difficult to get people to work together who are at different stages of commitment. In changing situation (1) changed from relatively small -- in terms of income -- operation to large one, and (2) into situation in which separate but equal does not fit. Council may be done harm by getting integrated staff just for sake of having it; should not be matter of sincerity of purpose, but matter of practical considerations.

Meeting held in Atlanta re securing qualified staff -- both in central and state offices. Choice of Negro consultants would sort of make up for lack of integration at top level of organization. Extremely important, more so than ever before, that organization be integrated. Suggested part-time

qualified Negro persons as consultants in hope that someone would turn up who was qualified and who could be hired full-time. Tape recording of meetings in Atlanta to be played later for those who wished to hear them. Purpose of meeting was an outside look at Council -- how it might more effectively use funds which it has for servicing the South, and how it might go about obtaining consultants. Among those attending meeting were: Bob Jones, AFSC; Harry Walker, consultant, public power commission; Emory Jackson, Birmingham World; Ruby Hurley, NAACP representative; Lewis Killian, Fla. St. Univ.; Whitney Young, School of Social Wk., A.U.; Hylan Lewis, A. U. (helped to plan meetings); Irene Osborne, AFSC; Lewis Jones, Rufal Life Council, Tuskegee Inst.; Lee Coleman, Univ. of Ky.; Francis Manis, Univ. of Tenn.; Chris Mercer, Assoc. Dir., ACHR; Bonita Valien, SERS; Edward Weaver, A.U.; R. O. Johnson, A. U.; A. L. Whiting, Morris Brown College.

CHP thinks of work of Council as being one of inducing action through other organizations primarily. From which point of view he has worked with considerable doubt on organization of local councils; danger of too much outside pressure. Always a question in mind whether program is most important or whether fund-raising is most important. Responsibility of state boards should be fund-raising and staff should be more and more professionally concerned and responsible for program. Need in future for reliable persons to advise school boards. If skills can be built for this service among state staff people and if state boards could assume responsibility for fund-raising, it would be extremely valuable. Some standards of evaluation of program are needed.

MEETING ADJOURNED - RECONVENE AT 9:00 a.m.
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Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m., August 17th in Blue Room of Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Mr. Parrish, Elizabeth Brantley.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION - HCF

Looking toward developing modest library with Doris Duke grant. Some arrangement made with new employee, Miss Irving, to familiarize herself with library procedure. Has letter of introduction to Librarian, Duke Univ., and is to make initial contact shortly, to return at later time for study of Duke Univ. Library system of cataloging, so that information collected can be absorbed eventually into their collection.

Information program now moving along better as state directors are sending clippings and because much more information currently available in print. Need to maintain records enabling keeping of running assessment of what is going on.

Distribution of materials. FAE has supplied with two or three batches of The Negro and the Schools, and Schools in Transition, which have been mailed out to various persons. Also the AJC publication Equality by Statute has been distributed from central office. Have not turned down offers of free materials, though clerical time for distribution is so limited. Circularization of materials through various channels was started by Mrs. Hamilton as part of program development.

Wright. Expressed interest in SRC's getting material more widely advertised. Display of materials distributed was pointed out. Going all out to promote reprinted and revised edition of Changing Patterns.

A selection of clippings were pulled together and photostated into booklet about SRC. Copy sent to FFR as good way to get before it a record of SRC's publicity coverage. Also can be used within SRC for promotion

October 25, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have reserved a suite for you in the Atlanta University Dormitories for Friday night, October 28, since I was unable to get reservations at the Piedmont Hotel, or any other downtown hotel.

I trust this is satisfactory with you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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purposes.

Information requests continue to come in -- usually from people who are in key spots in institutions or public organizations. Example: information given to man from Social Action Committee of Presbyterian Church, who wanted to know of Presbyterian action re desegregation.

Matter of some distress that N.S. does not have larger circulation. Does achieve fairly good selective distribution; hits people who can quite often get things done. i. e., issue on parks to commissioners of parks and related public officials throughout the South; issue on baseball to appropriate baseball officials. Responses indicate that N.S. is read and appraised. Promotion mailing of N. S. also being carried on. New edition of Changing Patterns includes subscription order blank for N.S., which it is hoped with further increase range of publication.

JC told of helping to prepare resolution of United Church Women of Atlanta censoring school board's ruling that teachers who belonged to the NAACP would be fired. Georgia Committee mimeographed copies of resolution and mailed to various people, had received eight letters of reply -- two refusing to make statements, and six making excellent statements. Monday afternoon (8/15) Ga. Board of Ed. tabled its resolution.

Wright. Advisability of having someone on the information staff solely for purpose of promotion?

Fleming. Largely a matter of balance in terms of whole staff. Information is now subsidized quite handsomely. Provides for editorial assistant, John Constable; half salary of research assistant, Miss Irving, and a small amount for part of clerical salary in addition to grant for printing N.S. To add person who is competent in field of promotion is big deal in terms of staffing and budget.

Wright. If money were available, could such a person earn salary by actually increasing distribution?

Fleming. Hard to answer. Circulation and distribution of publications is undoubtedly related to whole expanding influence of SRC. Each of staff people now sort of willy-nilly promotion agent for N.S., which is not the kind of publication that can be promoted like large magazines.

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Routh. Additional place in state organizations' end for high-type clerical person to handle office business when he is out in field.

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Parrish. Best use of N.S. is in development of state organizations.

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Fleming. Highest priority of Council at present has to be given to state organizations because that is job undertaken, and is really sustaining part of organization; a natural engine. Expansion of N. S. will be in proportion to development of state organizations.

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Wright. Best known throughout country for N.S., and if are only ~~really~~ reaching 3,000 people in South it is a ver y very small percentage of people who will finally decide the issue. What about suggestion of putting pamphlets on sale at Montreat and other institutional assembly grounds?

Fleming. Would want to be advised heavily by Mrs. Tilly on how that is best achieved. Figure given of 2733 is not full measure of N.S.'s outreach. Really disposes of practically all the full 5,000 copies which are printed.

Mitchell. Person would have to be attached at assembly grounds, to see that materials are on display and sold.

Tilly. Each assembly there is book store run by the assembly, but doubts if any of SRC's publications can be placed there. Has never been able to get anyone to take over material and be responsible for it at assembly grounds.

Suggestion for contacting officials of assemblies and getting them to accept SRC materials as important to the conferences.

Tilly. It would pay to advertise New South in official church organs.

Wright. Honor system -- place publications in a prominent place, price

tag on each, and box for money to be dropped into. If it worked, officials could be approached and told that it had been demonstrated that people would buy. Nearly all of the groupsmake contributions to SRC and might be interested in going step further to help distribute materials.

Christopher. If going to promote materials of that sort,a display of some kind is needed, and it runs into money.

IN CHARGE OF WOMEN'S WORK - MET

Re statement of United Church Women. Was sent to Attorney General Cook, who wrote ltr stating that he always tried to be just. In addition -- requested names of all persons present at meeting of UNCHW at which the resolution was adopted and the names of the 30,000 members of the UNCHW.

Can have six more meetings at $200 per state. Reason it takes so much money is that church women have low denominational budgets, and some travel has to be paid by Mrs. Tilly.

Meetings starts off with devotions, and reading of statements by Protestants, Jews, and Catholics. Distribution of workbook containing helpful information and blank sheets of paper. Some of the questions asked are: (1) how wide are your friendships? (2) do you really know the Negro woman who is president of her own society, any Negro teacher, any Negro woman who does not depend on domestic service for livelihood? (3) how Christ-like is your imagination; and (4) do you know the stand taken by your own denomination?

Suggestions given were as follows: (1) small interracial discussion groups to work together on common problems; (2) getting a Negro elected to school board; and (3) helping the church to face its responsibilities.

Meeting in Atlanta, Dr. Mitchell was asked to tell something about the work of the NAACP. Mimeographed copies of his statement were made and distributed, and have been used pretty generally by church women.

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Two-day meeting proposed for September 8th and 9th in Virginia; September 21st and 22nd in Florida, and another is proposed for October /place?/

Has attended three camps for young people this summer. Many of young people have never had any contact with Negroes. Some of questions asked: (1) Will integrated schools bring about intermarriage?; (2) is NAACP Northern organization?; (3) do the Negroes want desegregation?; (4) what biblical basis is there for desegregation?; (5) what about Southern traditions?; (6) Is this something pushed over on South by NAACP?; (7) Can Constitution of United States be changed?; and (8) can't Supreme Court be made to change its mind?

Mrs. Tilly receives letters from women as to what has been done in their communities after such meetings, and these are mimeographed and mailed out to various other church women. Stated that it is great to be alive in an age like this -- delighted to get people to thinking equal education. Has been most grateful for help she has received in office from Mrs. Alexander, Miss de Copette, and Katherine Stoney.

Wright. Expressed feeling by Rabbi Mantinband that Protestant denominations in South are going to move much more rapidly than otherwise because of Catholic stand on desegregation. To what extent have various denominations in South opened their doors to Negro members?

Tilly. Nothing in creed of any denomination which will keep Negroes from joining.

Various churches which have either accepted Negro members or have had Negroes attend their services were mentioned.

Christopher. Would be delighted to see articles coming from some Southern ministers on what churches can do. Would help to dispell religioud prejudices. Some such statement as "If you believe and are a Christian and want to do the right thing, this is it." Would like to see such a statement put into the kit of every worker, also a statement which tells

what SRC is and a copy of N.S. Also suggested that N.S. carry at least one picture per issue. What plan of organization is being followed for state organizations? How is SRC reaching people who want to be reached? Suggested contacting of O. B. Tayler of Knoxville (medical doctor), who is very influential in Knoxville. Should now have 3,000 people in state of Tennessee subscribing to N.S. Is perfectly willing to list people he knows to be checked against SRC's list of contacts in Tenn. Has been asked about involving local union members. Some groups are very vocal politically and officials know that if people feel a certain way about things they will react to it. People are of primary importance, issues are secondary. In labor union circles the executive beard makes recommendation and ninety-nine times out of 100 it will be accepted. There must be other organizations like that.

Wright. For example North Carolina. If Harry Jones were furnished a list of 1,000 CIO workers in North Carolina, and ask Mr. Christopher to write ltr recommending SRC, would he (Mr. Christopher) be willing?

Christopher. Yes - but a better way is to contact Sam Scott of Stone Workers Local. Scott would not write 2,000 people but would write 25 over his signature and on his ltrhead. Also Bob Grail, Textile Workers, and Boyd Peyton, _____.

Wright. Would it be good idea if Jones took day off to go up and see Boyd Peyton to get list of key men in unions there and then follow through on them? Suggested another group to be contacted as the Negro teachers.

It was pointed out that Exec. Sec'y of N. C. Teachers Assoc. is on Exec. Com. of N. C. group.

Christopher. Yes it would be good idea for Jones to see Peyton, and others.

Parrish. A certain degree of autnomy needs to be recognized in Tenn. (or any other state). Matter of training staff persons and training

boards so that they can involve people who need to be involved. Tenn. has not long been set up and is now trying to raise money and make contacts in local communities. Have not yet had opportunity to get around and contact all persons in state who might be interested in working with the organization. Needs full-time staff person to devote full-time to (1) approaching persons at state level through existing organizations, and (2) approaching persons at grass roots level to induce action. Limited resources (financially and staff-wise) and it is now a matter of reaching people closest to seat of organization and then spreading out. In favor of state organizations making contacts with people in state who might make other contacts, but difficulty of follow-up arises. Large cities are going to take care of themselves in the sense that leadership is available which can be mobilized to work; in smaller towns there are no organizations and that is where the difficulty is going to be. SRC's function in larger cities would be to coordinate the activities of existing organizations; in outlying places, it is a matter of person to person contact to get things moving.

Wright. Wouldn't it be true that if resources are needed, the easiest and quickest way of getting them would be for the state directors to contact key men in labor, churches, etc?

Tilly. Some way that money-raising could be put on to the boards?

Mitchell. Business of schools is working man's decision. Working people built up the public school system. Guilty of neglect of that whole channel of reaching people's minds.

Wright. Suggested that Mrs. Tilly send Mr. Christopher copies of one or more sermons which she thinks appropriate.

Christopher. In most of labor conferences, questionnaires are passed and one of questions asked is what denomination a member belong to. Monthly meetings with preachers are held. Expects to attend such a meeting in Knoxville in September.

Christoher. Suggested a project describing the situation in Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi and the question posed of "is this what you want in your state."

Wright. Suggested that each issue of N. S. carry a picture. For example: if a picture were had of the North Carolina meeting of all its county agents (Negro and white) together for the first time, it would show that integration actually was practiced and might be very effective.

Fleming. Heretofore, it has been opinion of Council that photographs were not particularly helpful or desirable. Groups are extremely leery of photographs as they can often be used by non-reputable publications. Also practical difficulty of obtaining good pictures in terms of budget. Present budget is for printing, and no funds are left over for photographing and engraving. Only way it can be done is to obtain glossy picture and get permission to use it.

Tilly. /New South is now a little better prepared to get consent for photographs -- church publications have had a great many pictures of interracial groups.

Wright. In past he went along with idea of no pictures, but is now perfectly willing to have them. Chance now to show Southern people that conduct is changed in this important field, and believes it can be done better by picture than by words. Filmstrip Mr. Wright (/subject of film?/) brought to Atlanta was sent on to Chapel Hill and the University of N.C. has purchased a copy of its extension department.

Christopher. Was not just thinking of running pictures of mixed groups, but illustrations of articles. If article calls for mixed groups, good. Ex: Louisville Courier-Journal, several months ago, had article and ran GSM's picture. Mr. Christopher asked a group at a meeting if they had read it, and was told by many that if the picture had not been there it would not have been read by them. If N. S. is going to build up subscriptions and reach people to

help change opinions and get people to talking about these things, the use of pictures is a good way to do it.

Fleming. Reaxamine some of the assumptions under which SRC operates. (1) Agrees that if you change conduct ideas change. Now N.S. aims at people who are in position to make a change in group situations; institutions, organizations, etc., who are in position in some way to get things done within their own organizations. ~~What~~ When that group changes its practices, then you are really getting an attitude. N.S. then is not aimed at mass audience, but at people who can achieve group or institutional change. The content of it is directed toward that end;showing organizations what has been done and what could be done in changing attitudes. As far as circulation goes, N.S. probably has a clear maximum of 20,000, if pepple are to be reached and reached well. Not trying to change people's attitudes, but there are some people who are of good will and don't know what to do and they have to be told. For state organizations, N.S. is instrument of feeding ideas to people who are persuaded, but don't know what to do.

Routh. Issue of N.S. dealing with desegregation of parks, had never been seen by officials in Miami, where suit is currently pending. FBR took it around to them and they were amazed that power to rule on such a suit had left them.

Wright. True that N.S. is discharging function when it reaches a group of people who are convinced, but what about the group of potential leadership?

Fleming. Currently reaching people who now hold no particular position, but these people are influences in their communities, and want this kind of information to use.

Wright. Mr. Christopher's position is that we make N.S. sufficiently attractive to pick up curiosity, and then to draw ~~attention~~ subscriptions through that curiosity.

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Fleming. N.S. is 12-page magazine which comesout monthly. Can get about 4,000 words,or maybe 5,000, if squeezed. People who are not interested in what you are going to sell will hardly be persuaded to buy just on the strength of a picture. To do this sort of thing would require entirely different kind of publication — a regearing of present format.

Wright. If persons see a picture of sometne of great influence (example — Mrs. Roosevelt), they are influenced thereby believing that if integration is good enough for her it will be good enough for them. The attitude has not changed, but that is the kind of conduct practiced by persons in whom the persons have confidence.

Parrish. Danger of reaction in another way. Whereas favorable reaction from one person, another person's prejudices would be strengthened by the same picture. South is so different in its sections. If it is possible to get what SRC is after community by community,and if local people can make contacts through their local channels, believed that would do the job. Arrangement can be made with local media which would be far more effective than overall coverage by one organ; which, by virtue of distribution, would be more effective in one area than another.

Tilly. South should get used to seeing pictures of integrated groups.

Christopher. In Tennessee there are about 800 officers of CIO local unions. All of the officers get labor journal. They meet together from time to time during year and attend conferences. If all 800 of those officers were members of SRC, he does not believe that 50 would read N.S. unless there were pictures to attract their interest. For example, a picture of an important union official with captions saying "the minimum wage applies to all members of the Union and we are proud of this. . ."and on to say " Mr. _____, has become a member of the Board of the Council," it will be

an effective device, and New South will be read. Another example: arrest of three Negro men (2 white and 3 Negro involved), while the white men went free, and of pressure applied by union to get charges dropped; could be reported with picture of five men in terms of what is equal justice.

ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER - RHA

Prepared statements for grant period April 1, '54 to September 30, '54 passed around. Through August 8th, SRC had raised $45,977, $5,977 above the $40,000 required by the FFR. Breakdown of foundation contributions and labor contributions were passed around. Found that surplus was going to be in state organizations' money and permission was obtained by GSM to use money. ~~Xxxx~~ Surplus was thought to be around $57,000, but figure might be changed now that Fla. has taken on staff.

Each state to have assoc. dir. at $2,500 salary from allocated funds, now upped to $5,000. Fisk Conference (which came to approx. $1,700.74) was charged against state funds. Tax exemption fees for Ga. Committee, SRC put up $500. Atlanta University Conference cost around $1,000. Exec. Com. meeting at Mammoth Cave will come to approx. $1,000. Irene Osborne to come on to staff at salary of $5,000 plus travel for six months — expect total approximately $9,104. Balance left of $12,500, and is on proposed budget for '55-56. Copy of actual expenditures for twelve months period, September 1, '54 - August 31, '55 passed around with explanation that all of August figures were not available. It was stated that this was not the meeting at which a budget was to be adopted, but was just a submission of preliminary budget for the Committee to see.

Mr. Mitchell. Approximately $25,000 expected from FFR and SRC must raise $50,000. Some carry-over from Field and Duke grants should raise total income to about $88,000. $6,000 for Executive Assistant can probably be

financed from proposed training program. Twelve organizations have been set up in period of crises and they are still in state of organization -- would like to put up some more money to enable SRC to give organizations more guidance. If could get money from FFR, would come pretty close to balancing budget.

Expected money-raising during next year. Churches, $5,000; labor organizations, $5,000; small foundations, $1,000; dues from associate members, /?/ $5,000; sale of literature, $3,500; N.S., other than state subscriptions, $1,000; state subscriptions, $5,000; honoraria, $1,000; board and executive committee members, $2,000; John Hay Whitney, $2,500; Doris Duke, $5,000 -- totaling approx. $31,000. Carry-over from '54-'55, $12,500. Plus $25,000 from FFR. Approximate total of $80,000 all can safely expect in the coming year. Not enough to go along just trying to see if more can be raised. Will be enough if can persuade FFR to put up additional money for training program.

Christopher. Suggested writing James B. Carey for $1,000; CIO will come through with another $375 in September; next year CIO should be asked for not less than $5,000; suggested getting a few people like Staunton Smith, etc., to write in and urge contributions; ILGWU, $1,000; some of the unions like INUE /?/ with equity in the South should be written; National Maritime Union might also give some money.

Mitchell. Re undertaking of Exec. Com to pay $100 apiece. $100 from Crossman, Rufus Clement, Carter Wesley, George Mitchell; $150 from Herbert Davidson; Leonard Haas, $350; Mr. Christopher just turned in $64; Mr. Wright given credit for David Stern contribution of $100.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Clement wrote to Negro Bishops of the Methodist church and have received so far $100. Replies from others indicate that some will check with their conferences, and others will make personal contributions. Believed that this source would turn up approx. $1,000 a year.

Everytime a state organization takes in a member, $2.00 is sent to central office as subscription to New South. This money has been credited

toward what each organization is expected to raise. Question of entitlement to count money twice; once as raised by central office, and again as raised by state organizations.

Routh. Actually the usage of money is given to central office.

Mitchell. Promised to activate finance committee first of September. Has an Atlanta area committee which is not a satisfactory committee in that it has not succeeded in unloading from the staff to the board committee the matter of finances.

MEETING ADJOURNED - RECONVENE AT 5:00 p.m.
August 17, 1955

Meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mitchell. McDowell Richards has resigned from Exec. Com., but implication is that he remains on Board. His letter of resignation was read to the Com. It was stated that Mr. Richards has been elected moderator of Southern Presbyterian Church and apparently has his hands full.

It was on motion agreed that the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards was accepted with regret. Mr. Mitchell is to write Mr. Richards re this action.

AWARDS PROPOSAL

Mitchell. FFR is "hot" for a program of awards to Southern communities that have done a good job on prejudices. Various persons have liked the idea and memo of proposals to FFR has been drafted. Pretty complicated matter, however, to decide who should get awards.

Wright. Read the proposed draft, copies of which were passed around to those present. It was suggested that statement on first page, "That state also makes membership in the NAACP grounds for denying a certificate to teach," be deleted.

Fleming. Extremely well-done memo. Of people who are not present at meeting, Dent, Griffin, and Parrish are educators and might have some insights that are desirable.

Question. Is it contemplated that FFR would employ someone for investigatory purposes out of funds requested?

Wright. Has assumed that someone from central office would investigate. Does not believe it would entail a tremendous amount of work, simply an additional function to be carried in the state organizations' end of show.

Fleming. Suggested some attention be given to amount of investigation involved.

Question. Over what period of time is it contemplated that the awards be made?

Wright. About a year.

Fleming. Investigations will increase year after year, as more communities desegregate.

Re point 5. "Awards shall be delivered only upon receipt by the Council from the responsible school official of a full report of the plans pursued by the community involved, with the view of the official. . . ."

Question. Which responsible school official? Suppose picked Hoxi and school is run by blank county, three trustees and one superintendent, would responsible official be superintendent who had charge of particular school, or all persons responsible?

Wright. Award to be made upon receipt of full report of what was done and criticisms of what was done wrong. Responsible persons would be school superintendent.

Mitchell. What actually happens to money? Does it go into coffer of local school boards?

Wright. Awards not to be given for particular purpose, but to be used for any legitimate purpose in connection with the school. Decision should be left with communities.

Mitchell. Would be inclined to make an award to Baltimore or to St. Louis -- did not see how could make award to one without making it to the other. Impressed with idea of careful description of what actually happened. Extremely difficult and delicate job to decide what pressures in community resulted in success of the action.

Wright. Much impressed with giving medals to officials who had to take "brick bats."

Fleming. Booby trap in idea is complexity of investigation.

Anticipates this kind of difficulty. Integration is never really a fully achieved and finished thing. Believes that people who are deeply involved in it are sometimes dissatisfied with progress of what has occurred. A lot of time could be given to justifying their actions against criticisms of that sort. It is going to require some very skillful and time-consuming effort. Ought not to be prepared without careful thought. May be that awards investigation could be tied in with consultant's program.

Wright. Fortunate feature -- no one has a vested right in it, it is an act of grace. If it were competitive, some communities would and could say that they had received a raw deal. It is, however, in the hands of a seven-man board, and should tremendously increase the inducement to other communities to do the same thing.

Fleming. Can see virtue in stretching program out to two years.

Wright. No set time limit on program.

Tilly. Suggested the addition, to listof private organizations sponsoring segregation, the name of "States Rights Association. "True Southerner" suggested by Mr. Wright. "Grass Roots League" suggested by Mr. Fleming.

Wright. Would like to say that we are applying to Fund for a renewal of grant, which is #1 on program. As a subsidiary request, would like to have awards program considered, but would not wish it to impinge on principle application.

Christopher. With the right kind of publicity, awards program would help speed integration and make the job better done.

Mitchell. Proposes to write letter to FFR and enclose proposals as being approved by Exec. Com -- with a few minor changes -- saying that the Council would like to see the program come through.

Wright. Would like discussion on what figures should be. He would let the award stay at $10,000, and possibly up the administrative charges.

Fleming. Awards program is already familiar to FFR, as they approached SRC about it.

Mitchell. Since FFR invited SRC's suggestions, proposals should be sent up with note that "here is carefully worked-out plan, what do you think?" Has a little more time on submission of awards proposals than has on major request for continuance of aid -- suggested that awards proposal be sent to FFR later.

Wright. "We are agreed on wisdom of filing the proposal in substantially the form suggested, and Executive Director may use his judgment as to modification and application of that proposal. Should be said that SRC did not undertake to define the purposes for which awards would be used, ONLY LIMITATIONS WOULD BE THAT IT BE USED FOR NON-SEGREGATED PURPOSES."

Mr. Parrish and Mr. Dent to be given copy of proposals to read and to make suggestions and criticisms re at night meeting.

ADJOURNMENT FOR DINNER

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Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

MRS. HAMILTON'S REPORT

Mr. Fleming was asked to summarize the mimeographed recommendations. He read verbatim, the section on Needs. Next section concerns theoretical underpinning of rest of memo -- Relationship of purpose of Program. To define the way in which she saw program; to encourage development of an integrated society in the southern region. . . . a concern for process rather than more concrete results; effort to change situation which determines behavior, rather than attitudes; a clear demonstration within the Council of principles that it is trying to achieve within the South (attention to factor of race, in addition to normal factors which enter into selection of skilled people to do job); analysis and interpretation services to people in the South; advisory and consultative service to affiliated state groups; program services for church woman and church groups; cooperating with other groups who have like purposes; finances, and maximum clerical assistance.

Suggestions for Modifying Staff Responsibility. Establishment of Program Committee. (sub-committee of Exec. Com., whose purpose would be to develop annual budget, consider program proposals, program development, in cooperation with appropriate staff people). Committee would have power to act between Exec. Com. meetings. Sub-committee would also deal with personnel matters. Establishment of Community Services Advisory Committee. Described as being concerned with program, evaluating what we are doing and utilizing consultants that have been proposed. Establishment of a region-wide committee for financial support.

Suggestions for Divisions of Staff Responsibility. (1) Executive Dir. might be freed of many details so that more time may be given to personal contacts; (2) in order to achieve this end, the functions should be assigned one or more persons, depending upon elaboration of staff functions. Coordination of administrative functions; (3) a full-time representative for the Council (who would be a Negro) to also function in the area of contact in terms of interpreting the program of the Council and its aims to people who would be in position to help financially and otherwise. Is designed to tie in the interpretation of the Council with communication between the races. It would, supplement the Executive Director's contact work; (4) professional consultant idea. Stresses the importance of having qualified professional people in dealing with states and helping in development of their organizations; (5) suggests that present directors for state organizations be maintained on part-time basis, and also that he be coordinator for consultants program; (6) suggested that there be a "consultant for liason," whose responsibility would be development of cooperative relationships with national and regional organizations whose program objectives relate to those of SRC. Also, perhaps, selection and distribution of materials for other organizational sources for use by consultants; and (7) that emphasis be placed on integration in work of state organizations.

Church Women - Church Related Program. Should be strengthened by additional funds.

Information Program. Suggested that staff be increased, differentiating between editorial and promotional functions -- addition of two persons to staff. Staff position should be created with specific function of promotion. Additional travel funds to enable information staff to make more contacts over region.

Suggestions are tentative and flexible, and hoped that whatever plans are finally made will take into account people who are available.

Tables appended were considered self-explanatory

Parrish. Underscore the distinction between needs and suggestions which are made for meeting them. Committees which were presented as in answer to certain of the needs represent suggestions for future involvement of the Board. Program Committee's heavy responsibility is to be development of annual budget allocating sums for function of the Council. Referred to last sentence of paragraph 1, page 5, "Because of the changing context within which SRC operates, it would seem desirable to reserve an unallocated sums annually for such other program projects as may seem desirable to the Executive Director." Table 1 is illustrative of problems which an organization of this type faces. Allocation in terms of racial balance is as indicated — disproportionate in terms of funds and in terms of integrated personnel.

Wright. Extent to which central office could influence choice of personnel in states, if any?

Parrish. Central office to allocate certain sums for selection of associate director. In nearly all of the states there was thoroughly democratic process involved. Boards consisting of Negro and white persons, etc. In spite of that there has been strong feeling on part of some Negroes that it is better for job of executive director to be held by white person. Situation has not been one which could be very easily controlled by Negro; selection has been for most part based upon fairly wide search for available persons. Very likely that second person hired would be subordinate to first person, and believed that just to hire a Negro for the sake of having a Negro on the staff unwise. Recommended that consultants be obtained who will still have certain amount of independence as solution for Negro associates.

Routh. ~~[illegible]~~ (1) a real investigation on part of central office as to process of selection of personnel, some might have been made, (2) it was recommended that the states set up personnel committees ~~[illegible]~~, and it has been done in some states; and (3)

Needs to be an adequate definition of what desirable attributes of an associate director would be.

Parrish. In some instances I personally interviewed persons who were hired in the states. Actually had very important hand in approval of persons involved.

Dent. Extent to which Council should influence programs on the state level and selection of personnel on state level? Believed that as grant was to SRC and not to state organizations, SRC has responsibility for program which goes on in the states. SRC can't shirk responsibility behind guise of democracy and keeping things at grass roots level. SRC has responsibility for setting up general program.

~~Dent.~~ Re Mrs. Hamilton's report. Clarification of functions between policy making and administration and whether executive committee and board of directors are fulfilling responsibility. Do we have the staff to administer program when it is properly set up? Need for clear distinction between what is policy making functions and administrative functions which belong to staff first point raised in memo -- whether we are proceeding properly in good administrative procedure.

Christopher. Inclined to agree with Dr. Dent, but does not know how it is going to be done. Does not know how to get executive committee together to come to grips with problems. Afraid that some of the things recommended in report are not practical in application. Proposals wonderful, but execution is another matter. Need money and time to find and train people. Have got to get executive committee together to sit down and talk things through from beginning, without interruptions and without half leaving.

Wright. Suggested that three members of executive committee present sit down together and go over Mrs. H's memo.

Dent. Staff responsibility to work out program, but is responsibility of executive committee to work out policy.

It was recommended that a letter be sent Mrs. Hamilton thanking her for complying with request of the Executive Committee in sending in the report.

Mitchell. Suggested that Mrs. Hamilton be paid in the amount of two weeks pay, computed upon basis of her salary at time she left the Council.

Dent. Recommended that the Executive Director submit a recommendation re paying Mrs. Hamilton at next meeting of the Committee.

Wright. Was under impression that report was to be prepared during two or three weeks before termination of Mrs. H's employment with SRC.

Dent. Executive Committee asked for the report, and if Mr. Mitchell thinks she should be paid, the thing to do is to pay her.

Mitchell. Mrs. H has a nice orderly mind, but SRC has a disorderly piece of machinery. Would certainly not recommend a sweeping reorganization of the Council. Is satisfied with pace of change within the staff. Thinks that when funds are available and changes become right and feasible, it becomes a matter of administrative effort to see to it that they are made. In the matter of continuing Mr. Parrish — certainly proposes to do so. Many of the things recommended are finding themselves into practice. Have added money to the states' budgets for associates. One of recommendations is for a series of sub-committees of Executive Committee. Believes that Executive Director would be too boxed in, and that it would be pretty hard to do anything. Would strongly object to that. A program committee must consist of persons in and around Atlanta. Does not think a small ~~amount~~ number of people in a single city should have final policy power over the show. A personnel committee has been in operation for good long time. It has not laid down criteria, but it has laid down salary scales. Has never assisted any formal move to lay down criteria, just ~~xxxxx~~ thinks that there is no ~~criteria~~ criterion in the South today as to who is competent to put together a state organization and make it work.

Thinks we are better off in state groups for having attitude of being willing to use native talent that seems to be of high quality, rather than by carefully prescribed standards. In summary, staff and Executive Committee are doing pretty well, and Executive Director would resent an injunction laid on him to work more closely with a program committee, but would follow dictates of Executive Committee.

Wright. Did Mr. Mitchell agree with idea of program committee, but disagree with its authority?

Mitchell. Preferred that things stay as they are.

Parrish. Re community services and advisory committee -- it would seek to find and utilize qualified persons who might be hired on part-time basis.

Mitchell. If could secure extra money for state organizations, would be employing professional staff. Prefers power to work flexibly rather than operating within committee framework. In re establishment of community service advisory committee, was not clear that Mrs. H meant a sub-committee of Board.

Routh. Mrs. H. in drafting the report said that basic things involved were listed as needs. If needs are rejected, then all is lost. Suggested solutions as given in report were to be used as suggestions, and further suggestions were in order.

Fleming. People qualified to give advice who are not on Council's board. His idea that the committee suggested would be ad hoc, not constantly to be involved.

Dent. Could be a committee composed of anyone that the staff would want to assemble together. Is not a specific matter of program.

Re establishment of region-wide committee for interpretation and support to be composed of members of SRC and of Board members of affiliated state groups. Committee might meet at least once a year in order to determine

goals.

Dent. This is type of annual meeting which used to be under the old commission.

Mitchell. Is not too distinct from present structure.

Wright. Membership composed of Board members plus state organization members.

Dent. Only point at which probably might not achieve what statement presents is that representatives from each state are not directly representative of thinking of state.

Fleming. Usage of interpretation and support synonymous with Fund-raising. Proposal is that committee composed of these people be established to function by areas in fund-raising.

Parrish. Mrs. H's thinking that people in states who are responsible for fund-raising in state boards would function with SRC boards on matters of fund-raising.

Wright. Have no machinery at present time to cover that point?

Mitchell. Could very easily negotiate with state boards that half of money raised could be given to state organizations when raised in particular state. Has already such a half-negotiation with Louisiana.

Wright. How about finance committee?

Mitchell. One meeting of Atlanta area finance committee, and it was recommended that some other area finance committees be established -- one in upper southwest, and one in _____?_____.

Parrish. Mutual benefit to be derived from coming together of fund-raising leadership in each state to exchange experiences, under the director of Board of SRC.

Re staff with responsibility and authority for business administration, office management, and coordination of administrative functions.

Wright. Ideas on that point would perhaps be met by letter of request

to FFR re additional funds for administrative assistant. If successful in getting administrative assistant, would he take over some of functions which GSM now carries?

Mitchell. Would like to pick an able administrative assistant and in conference around staff, find a task and set him to it.

Wright. Isn't it normal procedure to define duties of an office and than proceed to find person to fill it?

Mitchell. Possible, and Exec. Com. can order it.

Wright. Suggested that provisions in paragraph 2, page 7, (given below) be substantially met.

> "Provisions should be made in the Central Office for staff with responsibility and authority for the business administration, office management, and the coordination of administrative functions. (As distinguished from coordination of program functions.) The responsibilities would include fiscal management, supervision of accounting procedures, the preparation of fiscal analysis needed by staff and committees concerned with program, and the preparation of financial reports. These functions might be filled by one or more persons depending upon the skills of the persons available. (This involves redefinition of functions of position of Secretary-Treasurer.)"

Mitchell. Re full-time Negro field representative for SRC. Mr. Parrish was chosen as Assistant Director for State Organizations. Does not see that Mr. Parrish could be carried part-time and then employ an additional person full-time.

Wright. Paragraph 3 of report calls for new person in addition to Mr. Parrish.

Fleming. Note that report says these functions might be duties of one or more regional consultants.

Dent. Considerable validity for suggestion within psychological framework. In table of salaries $43,000 going to white personnel and $10,000 going to Negro personnel.

Mitchell. Dates of preparation of table are important -- table prepared May 31st. Secretary-Treasurer has moved into Negro bracket, also newly hired

information assistant.

Dent. Concern for total picture, which stacks up quite to SRC's own disliking.

Wright. To what extent does Exec. Dir. recommend that we more nearly arrive at equality?

Mitchell. Mrs. Alexander for secretary-treasurer, Miss Irving for information assistant, and vacancy for $7,500 program director balances the figures a great deal.

Re Program in the States. (Pg. 8, Item 4)

Dent. Suggested two part-time persons (Mr. Parrish and one other), rather than a group of professional consultants

Mitchell. Consultants for liason are taken care of by a program director.

Parrish. Thinking has been that would recognize functions and would hire persons who would operate with that recognition in mind. Analysis ran something like this: (1) Training present staff and recruiting Board members and evaluation of program; (2) liason -- relationships between central office and affiliated state organizations, relationships with other like organizations, relationships with organizations in terms of media of communication; (3) determining level of our involvement, whether we should start things moving in community, whether to support or guide something that has already been started, or whether we should perform a trouble-shooting function; and (4) policy and coordination. If had consultant's program would have to have some policy laid down for operation. Should be some flexibility so that there would be enough for persons to do in areas in which they operate.

Tilly. Had dreams of Negro woman working with her in the office. However she needs more money to bring church women together.

Mitchell. Is going to ask John Hay Whitney Foundation for $2,500 for Fellowship of the Concerned.

Tilly. Needs more secretarial help.

Discussion about policy people who could not complete their work because of lack of secretarial help.

Christopher. Matter urgent enough to be matter of extra fund-raising.

Wright. How much money would be needed to run Mrs. Tilly's department?

Tilly. Needs at least $5,000 to maintain contacts, not only by states but also within states.

Wright. What about Mrs. H's ideas on information program?

Fleming. Staff is perfected with the exception of full-time person working on promotion. As to travel, there would be no overt restrictions on persons coming on to the staff as of September 8th.

Dent. Wondered if persons in the South are not impressed more by accidental rather than purposeful reading. Not sure that promotional person to expand New South is quite as important as one paragraph in daily press and newspaper and magazine articles.

Fleming. New South's audience is highly selective -- people who can use the kind of material it contains. Agrees with Dent that there is much better audience through mass media, but wondered whether full-time promotion person to uncover mass audience for N.S. would be a very great luxury.

Wright. Suggested adjourning for evening, urging that Mr. Griffin be briefed on what had occurred up to this point in the meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE 9:00 a.m. AUGUST 18TH.

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Final meeting convened at approximately 9:00, August 18th in the Blue Room of Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

Wright. Ruled that quorum of Executive Committee was present. Took position that first the exec. dir. is a member of the Committee, except for the purpose of voting, and with that exception taken, is considered a member. Should try to pick up approval for actions taken during meeting from another member of the Executive Committee.

Wright. Any additional comments on what has gone before?

Tilly. Would like to spend time on needs, as listed in Mrs. Hamilton's report?

Wright. Executive Com. in exec. session would make such decisions as it thought should be made in view of Mrs. Hamilton's report. Asked for further observations from members of the staff.

Griffin. It is of critical importance to get further involvement of members of Board.

Wright. If, when Exec. Dir. makes his report of activities to members of Board he would invite those members to make criticisms or suggestions as to what further actions might be taken, a member who did not avail himself of the opportunity to criticize or express his opinions could not consider that he had been deprived of his right as a member of the Board.

Mitchell. Prepared recommendation for Mrs. Hamilton's being paid for her work on the report. Recommended the sum of $350, as the best information he has is that it took about two weeks to complete the report.

PROPOSALS TO FFR

Mr. Mitchell read the tentative draft of the proposals to be made to the FFR re renewal of grant, after giving a brief run-down on original

receipt of aid from FFR and promises of aid for second and third years. Extension obtained from August 2nd to August 20th. First draft has been sent to FFR and couple of paragraphs left out (1) pending outcome of A.U. meeting re consultants and (2) a proposed budget. Read present draft of letter.

Dent. What is conception of functions of administrative assistant?

Mitchell. Office manager, budget officer and to give non-policy answers on behalf of policy people to the inquiring field.

Wright. Letter should include duties of administrative assistant.

Dent. Duties should include statement that exec. dir. would be relieved of some functions. "As administrative assistant to the Executive Director he would be office manager, would have charge of budgets, and would give answers to field inquiries within agreed policy. The services of such an assistant would release the executive director for more policy and program work."

Mitchell. A moderate allowance is made for space and supplies. The figures on training program: Program director $7,500; administrative assistant to Exec. Dir., $6,000; Clerical $6,000; travel program director $2,000; travel of consultants (approximately 50 trips at $100 equals $5,000; consultants fees $3,000 (calculated on basis of about 40 trips of two days each at compensation of $70 and 14 trips of one day at compensation of about $35.

Dent. What difference of $25 to $35 make. The established fee for Ford things is $50. Why not ask for other $15 for some other purpose.

Griffin. Should allow at least $35 if not more for expenses

Parrish. Most of persons would be Negroes and there is prestige and respectability about being consultants which SRC should be at pains to supply.

Dent. Since it is supplemental money, might as well raise fee to $50. If a two-day meeting honorarium would be $100, but the consultants are not to be paid for travel time.

Wright. Any other suggestions to depart from $35.00 figure?

Parrish. If grant is made, should not be bound by fee.

Griffin. If figure is set too low in beginning and then upped, money is apt to run short.

Dent. Pay everybody the same thing -- $50 -- for days spent in meeting. Then if there is need to compromise figure can be moved down.

Wright. If any member of Exec. Com. disggreed with Dent -- no one did.

Training meeting of state staff $5,000, contingencies $3,000.

Wright. In favor of separate item on telephone, telegraph and postage.

Mitchell. Supplies and space $500, telephone and telegraph $500, total $35,900; less unspent balance of state funds 54-55, $10,00, which reduces request to $25,900. Grand total requested $176,200.

Dent. Questioned wisdom of asking for $176,200 when already SRC has been informed that it would receive $150,000?

Mitchell. Tentative request of days ago was not objected to and supplemental request had been attached to it.

Mitchell. Read final paragraph of proposed request.

Wright. Would like to see another paragraph added re having in mind in the near future to submit proposals for other projects.

Mitchell. Strongly urged that this not be done. On the success or failure of this request depends SRC's whole financial setup.

Wright. If, within few days, we would submit to them proposals which they have invited, wouldn't you advise that it be done?

Mitchell. Thought it was agreed that proper procedure was not to include awards proposal in this letter.

Dent. Agreed with position that should not be included in letter of rrquest. When it gets to presentation before FFR board they also have a limitation of funds. It would be better to submit request for grant as "this is what we want," and other proposals as "this is what we would like to have."

Wright. Agreed

Griffin. Is this without added paragraph?

Mitchell. Yes

Mitchell. It seems to be well if the letter bore not only my signature, but also the signature of Mr. Wright and Mr. Clement. Had drafted a covering letter which would cover the same function.

This was read and accepted by the committee.

Dent. Could SRC reasonably ask for $50,000.

Griffin. Possibility of not finding person to hold position and money would be left over.

Mitchell. In budget, which was passed yesterday, listed the salary of administrative assistant at $5,000 but should be $6,000

Wright. Does not know if at all possible to ammend general letter with idea he has in mind. Should have a very substantial item in the general budget for contingencies. Should have a task force of two or three people to go to communities where friction may develop and the FFR might respond to the idea of a fairly large contingent item.

Mitchell. This would be asking an increase beyond the $150,000/currently requested. On basis of commitment 18 months ago, it is as much as can ask for. Are really asking for approximately $30,000 more. It becomes the board's responsibility to handle this emergency within the $150,000 which is given.

Parrish. Have an item for assoc. Directo s in the states. Possibility of some difficulty in hiring associates and there may be some unused funds in allotment at the end of coming year. Has any arrangement been made for using the funds for other purposes.

Mitchell. Believes that the thing to do is to feed consultants into the state organizations.

Wright. Does SRC have discretion as to use of funds set aside for associate directors.?

Mitchell. Certainly has discretion from Fund for Negro personnel in the states. Would not divert it to white persons or to other purposes.

Fleming. Spirit of thing was to enable states to use fully integrated staff.

Dent. FFR should agree with any adjustments which are made by the Exec. Dir., and approved by Executive Committee.

Mitchell. Untouchable allocation; namely distribution of central office funds and state funds. Has never been constrained to any stated allocation as between states, just the difference between central office money and state money.

Parrish. Same sort of contingency might arise with administrative assistant and person in program development.

Mitchell. Foundations give money for salary, but are apt to be, or are willing to be swayed into something else.

Parrish. Would have to hire person for at least a whole year, which begins in December.

Dent. Audit year ends on certain date, but books could simply be set up to show that it is unexpended salary money.

Griffin. Use of consultants. Haven't talked enough about the Council being in position to do any kind of fact-gathering and research; some of the consultants indeed may be used to prepare training materials.

Mitchell. To put that in request would weaken it.

Mitchell. One other problem. Letter omits reference to precondition of second grant. Central office charged with raising $40,000 and have raised either $46,000 or $48,000. Each state must have raised the equivalent of $1800 for the time that the state has been in operation, (pro rata of $1800). Suggested that matter be solved by appending note to letter, giving figures which the central office has raised, and figures which state organizations have raised. Would recommend that the states who are laggard in raising money be cut off.

Dent. Dependent upon states having to raise $1800 this year, they lose $10,000 for next year. If can't raise $1800 in order to get $10,000 would

just as soon see the operation closed.

Upon motion, it was agreed that any state which, at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rata quota would have its assistance cut OFF until it meets its first year and current requirements

Wright. Should try to keep a little leeway in that.

Mitchell. Along about April wrote a letter to chairmen of each state organization about the amount a particular state had to raise.

Dent. Motion makes it desirable for executive director to send a letter to each state exec. dir. under compulsion of meeting terms of FFR grant.

Fleming. Reinstatement clause is known as hard but fair provision. Does not cut state off absolutely.

Upon motion , the letter to the FFR was unanimously approved.

Parrish. Matter of raising of funds in the states. In some states means that program will go to pieces in terms of exec. directors having to raise money. Burden of raising funds should be on board, but they are not paid. Exec. dir. who has to be sure that he continues to receive salary will spend his time raising money.

Wright. Is there anything SRC itself can do, or is it a matter for each state to work out?

Dent. Not so sure that Louisiana would not be one of the first ones penalized by motion. When new program came in New Orleans Committee said there is new set up and let go. Recently received corres from Rabbi Leipziger re getting together and asking about how to get people interested in doing things. Also converstions with Miss Sytes. Has had two notices from LCHR re meetings; received notice for assumption of responsibility for raising $1500 for committee budget. Did not see what he could sell people about LCHR when asking for money.

Parrish. Some states may meet financial obligations and qualify for additional aid, but may be slim on program or have no program at all.

Dent. Position is that this is a grant-in-aid program, and that SRC

has responsibility for setting up some type of criteria and of holding states to it.

Parrish. To get some evaluation of program in the states, letters were sent to board chairmen of the state organizations, and SRC board members in those states, asking for their personal evaluations of programs within their state. Have not yet heard from all of them.

Dent. Some criteria should be set up for functions of the state organizations. It is not an encroachment in any way for SRC to set up certain program requirements and to know what is going on in the states.

Wright. Concurred with Dent.

Fleming. Matter of developing standards which regional people can understand, and interpreting the standards to the state groups. Then after they don't qualify, cut off aid.

Dent. Occasionally we speak of the new program, beginning with the FFR grant. Does not consider it a new program. Simply in position now to more intensely do what has always been organized to do. Does that say to persons who have long been working in the organization that they have to stand back because this is something new. This is doubly important, because of FFR's statement that there will be no support after '57. After '57 what happens to the program?

PROGRAM PROPOSALS.

A Legal Reporting Service.

Fleming. Adam Yarmolinsky employed by FFR on matters pertaining to legal profession. A legal reporting service, comparable to the SERS, except that it would be specifically by and for lawyers. Idea is to set up, subsidized by the Fund, at some Southern law school, a reporting service on court rulings, pertaining positively and negatively to the desegregation of schools, also a report of statutes. HCF was asked to give any views he had or could solicit discreetly from people who are interested in human relations field? HCF volunteered to solicit opinions. Among

people consulted was Mr. Wright whose views were simply transmitted to FFR, not to be taken as any official proposal from SRC. Mr. Wright stated Desirability of this project being carried out under the sponsorship of SRC and the extreme desirability that there be Negro representation in whatever body undertakes the service.

Wright. Here is area in which SRC's voice could be made far more authoritative to show that SRC is fulfilling obligation to engage in some activity other than fund-raising and dinner meetings. Read parts of letter in which he had made proposals for Legal Reporting Service. Suggested that each case handled carry a syllabus. Suggested that West Publishing Company make available a man from their staff to head activity and furnish expert guidance which would be needed.

Question. If service would print opinion of the attorney general of the u.s.

Wright. Saw no special reason for doing so, as it was already in print. Did feel that if local attorney general knew that his opinions were to be printed and subjected to public scrutiny, he would be a little more cautious in his statements. Ideal administrative setup would be a director and an editorial board of Southern law professors from several institutions, including Negro professors of law. Service would be less likely to fall under the curse of outside interference if it were coordinated by a Southern agency (such as SRC), than if it were directly run by the FFR.

Fleming. Had some word that negotiations had been entered into with vanderbilt law school.

Wright. Question if SRC would care to submit proposals to Ford people?

Fleming. Might put a personal view -- FFR is very eager to set up something that would be unassailable from the point of view of the profession. They are also eager to set up a service which will not be unduly vulnerable, in that they are trying to propagandize the attorneys.

Wright. If SRC were approached, would it be well-advised to accept?

Mitchell. Bad social policy. Thinks the lawyers ought to do it on

their own. Believed it hopeless to persuade FFR to stake SRC to it, and that Board of FFR is going to look in another direction.

Dent. Most SRC would do in such a Service is to serve as a physical agent. Believed that it would be necessary to go outside SRC for actual work of Service. Would rather see SRC do it than not have it done at all.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the proposal re awards to communities is a good thing, and the Executive Director is to carry through on it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that if the opportunity is presented to SRC to sponsor a Legal Reporting Service, the Executive Director is authorized to set it up.

Christopher. Suggested possible article for N.S. would be development of the amount of legal service costs in Southern states, noting that fees are out of public funds to avoid law of land.

Fleming. Difficulty of extracting authentic information from public audits. Would committee be satisfied with his careful exploration of whether information could be obtained? If he can obtain information it would be published in N.S.

Wright. Suggested close association with NAACP, which would most certainly have names of the cases and would, perhaps, know the fees.

Fleming. Will check with NAACP re.

Wright. Suggested that something be done as close to the idea as was found possible.

Griffin. Expressed misgivings about awards, in that people were being paid to do something which they should have done.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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NOTES ON EXECUTIVE SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Following the meetings with the staff, the Executive Committee went into executive session. At which the following action was taken:

1. It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer forward to Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton the Council's check in the amount of $350 in compensation for her services in the thorough and painstaking report which she had prepared, and which was widely discussed at this meeting. In addition, the President was directed to express to Mrs. Hamilton the Council's appreciation of her services in this regard. This action was pursuant to recommendation of the Executive Director.

2. It was moved and carried that the sense of the Executive Committee was that the office of Administrative Assistant was vital to the success of the Council's program; that this office should be filled without regard to the action taken by the Fund for the Republic on the Council's application, this day approved, and that the Personnel Committee should immediately prepare a job analysis for the position and attempt to fill it by October 1, 1955.

3. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that, once the budget was adopted, there should be no reallocation of funds within the budget without the approval of the Executive Committee, and no commitment or proposal for use of any of such funds otherwise than as stated in the budget without the approval in advance of the Executive Committee.

4. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director) should be present with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities, or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine.

5. The Executive Director was requested, as promptly as possible, to notify the Executive Committee of meeting dates for the ensuing year, in order that conflicting engagements may not be entered into.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 21, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

SUBJECT: CORRECTION ON MINUTES OF MAMMOTH CAVE MEETING, AUGUST 16-18, 1955.

On Page 9, the Minutes incorrectly give the amount each member of the Executive Committee hoped to give or get for SRC in this fiscal year as $1,000. Correct amount is $100.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

August 16-18, 1955

Opening meeting August 16th in Room 100 of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Parrish, Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All of the twelve Southern states which we undertook to organize now have paid staff. On the quotas of money to be raised by the state programs, Georgia and Texas appear to have met or exceeded their quota; Louisiana, South Carolina, and Alabama are regarded as safe; and North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas are lagging. Virginia and Florida are unpredictable, as they were organized so recently.

On the employment of associate directors in accordance with permission given SRC by the Fund for the Republic for a reallocation of state monies unused by reason of late starts, Mississippi and Arkansas have taken on full-time associates, and Florida and South Carolina seem likely to do so at any time. Virginia has a half-time associate, and consultants are being used on a satisfactory basis in Kentucky and Tennessee. No acceptable provision has been made yet for using associates in Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas.

Arrangements are proceeding for nominations in accordance with the changes made in the by-laws at the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Program Planning Committee was invited to attend a recent important conference of staff and outside persons at Atlanta University, and two members were present.

Little has been done toward raising funds for next year. There remains to be appointed a finance committee for the Upper South and one for the Southwest.

Work done by various of the staff members was touched upon briefly in anticipation of fuller reports from the staff members themselves later on.

New South now has something over 3,000 paid subscriptions. The arrangement for recruitment of subscribers through state organizations is proceeding satisfactorily. It should not be long before we will have 5,000 paid subscriptions.

Complications in obtaining tax-exemption from the U. S. Treasury for the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation were described, and the employment of Mr. Morris Abram as attorney to represent the Georgia

Committee (and also the SRC's interest) was set forth. As yet no official reply has been received to the appeal made by the Georgia Committee, and SRC, for reversal of the first only partially favorable grant of tax-exemption.

Kentucky has been granted full tax-exemption by its Louisville Treasury office. Mrs. Tilly stated that she had not been consulted about application for tax-exemption for the Georgia Committee.

Reference was made to attendance by state staff people at a two weeks Race Relations Institute at Fisk University of June, which was regarded as training expense (cost approximately $2,000).

As Mr. Wright had, months ago, requested that job descriptions and organizational charts be made available before executive sessions of the Executive Committee, these were handed out to members of the Committee.

The Executive Director reported that space was increasingly at a premium in the central office, and consideration was being given to the addition of removable partitions.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Mr. Routh

Reviewed the progress of the twelve states. In order reasonably to compress the minutes, only one or two highlights of the description of each state will be here given.

Alabama has over 300 members, divided into seven districts, of which five are so far organized.

Arkansas has an excellent board, representative of the state, and a fully integrated staff.

Georgia is seeking an associate director. Possibility of use of consultants.

Kentucky excellent success with consultants arrangement.

Louisiana proceeding on a basis of district organizations, but handicapped by lack of experience and of a representative state-wide board.

Mississippi. In absence of Rabbi Mantinband, Msgr. Brunini is acting chairman. Has just employed as associate director a white Methodist woman part-time.

North Carolina. Start has been slow, but progress not unsatisfactory. They need a more active board.

South Carolina. Has new state chairman, Claude Evans, editor of the Christian Advocate.

Tennessee. Proceeding well with a consultants' program. New acting chairman, Haskell Miller of Chattanooga. Has employed an office manager in lieu of an Executive Director.

Texas. Until recently not an impressive program, but much more acting since the meeting at Fisk University.

Virginia. Good board and good staff, but new as yet.

Florida. Took on staff August 15th.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR STATE ORGANIZATIONS - Mr. Parrish

Mr. C. H. Parrish described the genesis of the idea of consultants in his Alabama trip for SRC in the Spring of 1954. He had then seen that this device would enable the use of top people, whose services could not be had on a full-time basis. He also questioned the wisdom of employing integrated staff just for the sake of having it.

He described the meeting held at Atlanta University August 10th and 11th of a number of top people suitable for use as consultants to SRC's central program. Among those present were: Robert Jones of the American Friends Service Committee, Harry Walker, Howard University; Emory Jackson, Birmingham World; Ruby Hurley, Southeastern NAACP representative; Lewis Killian, Florida State University; Whitney Young, Atlanta University School of Social Work; Hylan Lewis, Atlanta University; Irene Osborne, American Friends Service Committee; Lewis Jones, Rural Life Council, Tuskegee Institute; Lee Coleman, University of Kentucky; Francis Manis, University of Tennessee; Christopher Mercer, Associate Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations; Bonita Valien of Fisk University and the Southern Education Reporting Service; Edward Weaver, Atlanta University; A. L. Whiting, Morris Brown College; and R. O. Johnson, Atlanta University.

These persons had been brought together for two days for critical comment on the work and possibilities of SRC. The meeting had been of substantial help to the staff in shaping a proposal to the Fund for the Republic for funds to finance a long range consultants program.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. August 17th in Blue Room of Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Mr. Parrish, Elizabeth Brantley.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION - Mr. Fleming

Reported that under Duke grant arrangements had been made to take on a new employee, Miss Florence Irving, as combined librarian and reference assistant. She was to be in conversation with the Librarian at Duke University before reporting to Atlanta in order that the material she would file

might be brought into conformity with the filing methods in use at the Duke Library.

The information office has been helpful in sending out various books. Among them The Negro and the Schools, Schools in Transition, and Equality by Statute.

Mr. Wright expressed an interest in wider use of display devices in getting printed materials distributed. Mr. Fleming handed to the members of the Committee a photostated volume of clippings on SRC program as lately supplied to the Fund for the Republic.

Widespread information requests continue to come in growing volume. Mr. Wright raised the question of desirability of having someone on information staff whose time would go solely to promotion.

Mr. Fleming stated that this involved a matter of balance in terms of the whole staff. Information program is now handsomely subsidized, having, in addition to himself, an editorial assistant, a reference librarian in prospect, and some portion of the general clerical costs of the office. To add a promotion person would cost a good deal.

Wright. If money were available, could such a person actually earn salary by increasing distribution?

Fleming. Hard to answer. Circulation and distribution of publications are undoubtedly related to whole expanding influence of SRC. Each of the staff people is now a sort of willy-nilly promotion agent for New South, which is not the kind of publication that can be promoted like large magazines.

Routh. Additional place needed in the state organizations end for a high-type clerical person to handle office business when he is out in the field.

Parrish. Best use of New South is in the development of state organizations.

Fleming. Highest priority of the Council at present has to be given to state organizations, because that is the job undertaken, and it is really the sustaining part of the organization; a natural engine. Expansion of New South will be in proportion to development of state organizations.

Mr. Wright made the further suggestion that displays be arranged at religious and other conferences, and some discussion ensued as to the practicability of this.

Mrs. Tilly was of the opinion that it would pay to advertise New South in church organs.

WOMEN'S WORK -- Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Recent statement by the United Church Women of Georgia was believed to have been helpful in the present Georgia controversy on public school matters. Southwide meeting of church women had been fruitful of many local conferences, and Mrs. Tilly was still having a demand for further mimeographed findings or "Gleanings." State meetings following up that conference had been held in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Louisiana. And another to be held soon in Florida. She had been given a tiny budget from the Southern Regional Council, permitting a total of six such additional meetings at $200 each, but this was too little for the effort underway.

She had put in a good deal of time at camps for young people this Summer, and she thought with quite helpful results. Christopher said he would be helped by articles coming from Southern ministers on what the church could do in helping to dispell racial prejudices.

Discussion on ways in which New South could reach a wider audience. Mr. Christopher suggested that pictures be carried in each issue. Mr. O. B. Taylor of Knoxville, a medical doctor, influential in that town, was thought of as possibly quite helpful in getting additional people in Knoxville to subscribe to New South. He, Christopher, would be willing to list people he knows to be checked against SRC's contacts in Tennessee. Further discussion on ways of getting increased interest of union people in SRC and in New South.

Parrish. A certain degree of autonomy needs to be recognized in Tennessee (or any other state). Matter of training staff persons and training boards so that they can involve people who need to be involved. Tennessee has not long been set up and is now trying to raise money and make contacts in local communities. Has not yet had opportunity to get around and make contacts in the states with all persons who might be interested in working with the organization. Needs staff person to devote full-time to (1) approaching persons at the state level through existing organizations, and (2) approaching persons at the grass roots level to induce action. Limited resources (financially and staff-wise) and it is now a matter of reaching people closest to the seat of the organization and then spreading out. In favor of state organizations making contacts with people in the state who might make other contacts, but the difficulty of follow-up arises. Large cities are going to take care of themselves in the sense that leadership is available which can be mobilized to work; in smaller towns there are no organizations, and that is where the difficulty is going to be. SRC's function in larger cities would be to coordinate the activities of existing organizations; in outlying places, it is a matter of person to person contact to get things moving.

Wright. Wouldn't it be true that if resources are needed, the easiest and quickest way of getting them would be for the state directors to contact key men in labor, churches, etc.?

Fleming. Reexamined some of the assumptions under which SRC operates. Agrees that if you change conduct, ideas change. Now New South aims at people who are in position to make a change in group situations; institutions, organizations, etc., who are in position in some way to get things done within their own organizations. When that group changes its practices, then you are really getting an attitude. New South then is not aimed at mass audience, but at people who can achieve group or institutional change. The content of it is directed toward that end; showing organizations what has been done and what could be done in changing attitudes. As far as circulation goes, New South probably has a clear maximum of 20,000, if people are to be reached and reached well. Not trying to change people's attitudes, but there are some people who are of good will and don't know what to do and have to be told. For state organizations New South is an instrument to feed ideas to people who are persuaded, but don't know what to do.

Wright. Mr. Christopher's position is that we make New South sufficiently attractive to pick up curiosity, and then to draw subscriptions through that curiosity.

Fleming. New South is a twelve page magazine which comes out monthly, into which can be gotten 4,000 or maybe 5,000 words if squeezed. People who are not interested in what you are going to sell will hardly be persuaded to buy just on the strength of a picture. To do that sort of thing would require an entirely different kind of publication -- a regearing of the present format.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER - Mrs Alexander

She reported that the first grant period from the Fund for the Republic ran from April 1, 1954, through September 30, 1955. In that time, the Southern Regional Council was required to raise $40,000 independently of the FFR. Between the dates of April 1, 1954, and August 8, 1955, it had raised $46,102.98 exclusive of an additional $2,000 raised by the states, and paid into SRC as subscriptions to New South.

She then exhibited a preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1955, and showing comparative figures of the twelve months period already elapsed. The preliminary budget was as follows:

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR -- October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956;
and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 months period
September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
Salary, Executive Director	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Salary, Secretary to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,500.00

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (cont'd)

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD (cont'd)	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
1/3 salary, clerk	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Social Security for all central office personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual meeting and Executive Committee meetings	2,080.06	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,260.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,813.01	4,500.00
Office supplies and equipment	4,500.00	4,000.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,354.17	3,500.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit fees	285.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Salary, Executive Assistant		5,000.00*
Sub-totals	$44,295.90	$49,460.00
INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Asst. Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	4,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary, Office Boy	328.50	300.00
New South Printing and Postage	3,770.58	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books and Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$18,715.41	$25,250.00**
PROMOTION-STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Asst. Dir. for State Organizations	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		
Salary, Asst. for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	for under state
Program Materials	200.00	training program
Sub-totals	$ 8,444.27	

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (cont'd)

WOMEN'S WORK	Actual '54-'55	Proposed '55-'56
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants, etc.	893.37	2,000.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 8,500.00
Two clerks - July and August, 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
GRAND TOTALS	$89,011.41	$93,160.00

* Possibly to be financed under training program

** Toward this amount approximately $8,350 will be available as unexpended balance in the Marshall Field and Doris Duke grants.

She listed as expenses thus far charged to unexpended state balances, the sum of $30,000 for the coming fiscal year committed for employment of associates by the states; the Fisk conference; $500 borne by the Southern Regional Council for attorney's fee in the matter of tax-exemption for the Georgia Committee; the A. U. Conference August 10th and 11th; the special meeting of the Executive Committee at Mammoth Cave; and the employment of Irene Osborne at a total salary cost of $5,000, plus her travel for six months. This left a prospective balance in the state allocations of $12,500.

The Executive Director, in summarizing prospects for the coming year, said that he felt reasonably confident of raising the following amounts:

Church Organizations	$ 5,000
Labor Organizations	5,000
Small Foundations	1,000
Dues of Associate Members	500
Sale of Literature	3,000
New South, non-state	1,000
" state	5,000
Honoraria	1,000
Board and Exec. Com.	2,000

He thought that foundations known to be friendly might contribute an additional $7,500, bringing the total up to $31,000. In addition, we would carry over from the Duke grant and the Field grant approximately $11,500, making a grand total of $42,500. We are committed to raise $55,000 for the coming fiscal year, in order to meet our obligation to the FFR. If the figures just given are reasonable, we are still $12,500 short in prospect of enough to raise even the $55,000. The budget just shown (based on

approximately present personnel, plus an administrative assistant), was $13,000 in excess of the $80,000 available on the supposition that we raise the $55,000 and that the Fund for the Republic makes it expected contribution of $25,000 for the budget of the central office for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Christopher made a number of detailed suggestions as to possible sources of funds for the coming year.

The Executive Director reported on the undertaking by members of the Executive Committee to give or raise $1,000 apiece. $100 had been received from Crossman, Clement, Wesley, and Mitchell; Leonard Haas has raised $350; Mr. Christopher had just turned in $64.00 towards his hundred; and Marion Wright was to be credited with the $100 contribution received from Mr. David Stern. Two members of the Board had paid in $100 and it was hoped that others would do so by September 30th. Appropriate letters have been written out to the Board members by Mr. Clement or by the Executive Director.

Mr. Clement's effort with various church officials has brought replies indicating that we might expect later on to receive $1,000 a year from the church bodies.

Meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mr. Mitchell reported the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee, in a letter recently received. Mr. Richards has been elected to the position of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and it was obvious therefore that his time for outside activities was much curtailed.

Mr. Richards did not resign as a member of the Board of SRC, and he therefore continues in a term expiring at the time of the Board meeting in 1955.

Whereupon on motion it was agreed that the resignation of Mr. McDowell Richards, as a member of the Executive Committee, be accepted with regret, and that the Executive Director was to write Mr. Richards re.

AWARDS PROGRAM

Mr. Mitchell described the proposal originally opened by staff members of the Fund for the Republic for awards to Southern communities which had done outstandingly well in school desegregation. The idea had been handed on to Mr. Wright who had developed it in a substantial draft, a copy of which was given out to those present. Subsequent discussion developed that it had been suggested that persons from the central office

of the Southern Regional Council would do the investigating as to the quality of performance by local communities; that the program was thought of as running for about a year, that the use made by the local school board of the money might be for any legitimate and unsegregated purpose in connection with the school. Some persons present saw virtue in stretching the program out over a period of two years. It was said that there is no time limit set in the proposals made. The Executive Director stated that it would be his purpose to write a letter to the Fund for the Republic and enclose the proposal just made, with minor changes, saying that it had the approval of the Executive Committee and the Council would stand ready to handle such a program if authorized and financed.

Mr. John Griffin, not present at this session, but later when present, stated that he doubted the validity of paying public bodies to do their duty.

Mr. Wright, in summarizing the review of the proposals, stated that "we are agreed on the wisdom of filing the proposal in substantially the form suggested, and the Executive Director may use his judgment as to modification and application of that proposal. It should be said that SRC did not undertake to define the purposes for which awards would be used, only limitation would be that it be used for non-segregated purposes."

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:00 p.m., August 17th in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

MRS. HAMILTON'S REPORT

The Executive Committee, at its May 26th meeting, had requested a report from Mrs. G. T. Hamilton, then Assistant Director for Program. It had requested that her report, made on August 3rd, and duly distributed to members, be summarized by Mr. Fleming. The entire report here follows:

Date: August 3, 1955

Recognition of certain underlying needs of the Southern Regional Council was the basis for the questions raised in the annual report of the Assistant Director for Program. In the hope that the Executive Committee may give consideration to these needs, they are stated below. An analysis of central office functions and some suggestions for meeting the needs as defined follows in response to the request made by the Executive Committee in its May meeting. In developing the statement of needs and the suggestions for meeting them, I have benefited by the thinking of other members of the staff, although responsibility for the proposals made is mine.

NEEDS.--

1. To find ways to increase the participation and involvement of SRC Board and Executive Committee members in the planning and decision making of the SRC.

2. To develop clearer definition of the role of the SRC during the next two years of anticipated subsidy by the FFR; and for the subsequent time when the FFR grant shall have expired.

3. To achieve central staffing that can effectively handle the expanded functions of SRC in this period.

4. To achieve truly integrated staffing in both state and central office organizations.

5. To develop clear-cut standards for measuring the effectiveness of state organizations and to establish procedures for remedial action when minimum standards are not met.

6. To insure that fund raising required by state organizations is carried on without undue diversion from the main purpose and business of the organization.

7. To develop increased recognition that the problems with which the SRC deals are not uniquely southern, but are part of a larger national and international context and therefore require the understanding, involvement and cooperative efforts of individuals and agencies outside of the region working with those within the region.

THE RELATION OF PURPOSE TO PROGRAM

The purpose of an organization is basic to the determination of the program and of the means of program development of the organization. The following statement is regarded as a "working interpretation" of the SRC's purpose as it is reflected in its program goals:

> To encourage the development of an integrated society in the southern region; to extend communication across racial lines as a means to this end; and to use a racially integrated organizational and administrative structure as a means of demonstrating within its own life the objectives which it hopes to achieve in society as a whole. This purpose has been described as a concern for the process by which things are done rather than with the result of what is done.

This purpose is consistent with accepted principles of social change, namely, that efforts directed toward changing the situations which determine behavior is the most effective approach to the change of attitude since changes in attitude usually follow rather than precede changes of behavior.

Effective organization depends upon channels for communication and division of responsibility between the professional staff and lay leadership. Specifically, this involves differentiation between the responsibility of groups which should determine the policy within which program develops, and the responsibility of professional staff employed to execute defined program functions.

It is the responsibility of the SRC through its Board and Executive Committee to determine the functions of the organization; the means through which these functions can be supported and maintained; the number and kind of employed personnel needed to discharge the functional obligations; the allocation of available financial resources in terms of the functions agreed upon; and the committee structure through which these decisions can be made, and through which the organizational experience may be evaluated in terms of changes in the social scene.

Continuous and regular evaluation of an organization's work, in the interest of improved functioning, is not possible without division of responsibility, delegation of authority and clear knowledge of who is responsible for what. It is essential that the decisions of the SRC Board, committees and staff regarding functions and execution of functions be consistent with its purpose - to demonstrate within its own life the objectives it hopes to achieve in society at large. This requires a deliberate consideration of race in the choice of staff and in the delegation of responsibility to staff. This consideration is a factor to be taken into account in addition to the usual considerations involved in determining professional competence for particular jobs. (See Table 1)

Program development of the SRC depends upon the following functions of the central office.

1. Interpretation of its goal and method to individuals and to regional and national groups, in the effort to develop support, both financial and moral.

2. Continuous program planning as a basis for determining the most effective use of the organization's resources in the achievement of its purpose.

3. Advisory and consultative services to affiliated state groups in order to further the development of a program consistent with the objectives of the SRC.

4. Information services, including publications, relations with the press and other media in order to extend the organization's influence for integration.

5. Program services for church women and church related groups in order to encourage and utilize their efforts in the extension of the SRC purpose.

6. Cooperative relationship with other regional and national groups whose purposes relate to those of the SRC, in order that there may be effective use of all channels and resources for achievement of its purpose.

7. Fund raising and support.

The maintenance of supporting office and clerical services is an essential function which is necessary to undergird all other. Uneconomical use of professional personnel occurs unless this is adequately provided.

On the basis of the foregoing analysis of central office functions - and of the present needs of the SRC the following suggestions for modification of structure and staff responsibility are made:

It is suggested that the two day meeting of the Executive Committee consider possible revision of committee and staff structure, as a basis for the request for a second year's assistance from the FFR and as a basis for the coming year's work. Among the possibilities which might increase involvement and participation of lay leadership are the following:

1. The establishment of a Program Committee as a recognized part of the SRC's machinery. This committee might be charged by the Executive Committee with the responsibility for developing an annual budget for the program proposals approved by the Executive Committee, upon recommendation of the professional staff responsible for major program divisions. (Programs in states, information program, church related program, liason relations and wider interpretation.) Because of the changing context within which the SRC operates, it would seem desirable to reserve an unallocated sum annually for such other program projects as may seem desirable to the Executive Director.

The committee should be created with the power to act and would report its actions quarterly to the Executive Committee. Professional staff responsible for divisions of work would be expected to develop and present relevant information, including estimates of cost, in regard to proposals coming before the committee for consideration.

The development of personnel standards, including job description for professional personnel needed to fulfill the functions agreed upon, and standards for salary ranges and increments might be carried by a sub-committee of the Program Committee in order to insure coordination in requirements for the job functions decided upon.

2. The establishment of a Community Services Advisory Committee. This committee might be a useful means to continue the involvement of the persons who are participating in the evaluation of program undertaken in states. This committee might include such full or part-time regional "consultants" as may be related to SRC program in states, and such other persons as may be nominated by this group on the basis of their knowledge of and acquaintance with the influencing factors in the nation and region.

3. The establishment of a region-wide committee for Interpretation and Support. This committee would be composed of members of the SRC Board, and of Board members of affiliated state groups. The committee might need to meet as a whole, at least once a year in order to determine goals, division of responsibility

and an appropriate basis for sharing of funds between the regional and state organizations. It is thought that the committee would function by areas. The attendance of committee members, from time to time, in such program conferences as may be held within the states of each area, would tend to increase understanding of the goals and methods of the SRC by assuming responsibility for its interpretation and support.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DIVISION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CENTRAL OFFICE

1. The Executive Director might be freed to utilize more fully his gifts for interpretation and education in behalf of extending understanding of the SRC's purpose and of fund-raising for its support. This would enable an increased relationship with individuals and groups in the nation and region with which he has the most useful contacts.

   In order for this to be possible without detriment to other SRC program functions certain revisions in staff assignments and delegation of responsibilities would be necessary. It is therefore suggested that:

2. Provisions should be made in the central office for staff with responsibility and authority for the business administration, office management, and the coordination of administrative functions. (As distinguished from coordination of program functions.) The responsibilities would include fiscal management, supervision of accounting procedures, the preparation of fiscal analysis needed by staff and committees concerned with program, and the preparation of financial reports. These functions might be filled by one or more persons depending upon the skills of the persons available. (This involves re-definition of the functions of the position of Secretary-Treasurer.)

3. A full-time Negro field representative for the SRC with the professional status of assistant director should be employed. This should be a person qualified in terms of personal orientation to a philosophy of integration. It is suggested that his functions be defined as interpretation of SRC purposes and program to individuals and affiliated state organizations in an effort to strengthen the Boards of state organizations; and to carry the staff work involved in developing the region-wide and area committees for interpretation and support. (These functions might be those of one or more of the "regional consultants" - See 4 following.)

PROGRAM IN STATES

4. It is suggested that a group of professional consultants (full or part-time) be secured by the regional office for assistance

in program development in states. Their functions could be to assist in the development of leadership in states and at the community level. It is assumed that the evaluation of states' programs will be completed before the request for a second year's grant from the FFR is made; and that the evaluation will provide a basis for determining the type of assistance required from the central office in order to develop programs consistent with the SRC purpose.

This suggestion implies recognition that the central office is responsible for encouraging, strengthening and developing useful programs in the state; and that in many cases, such programs will be developed only with the assistance and guidance and leadership of the SRC regional staff. If unexpended funds in the account of state organizations are made available to the SRC for its second year's work, without sacrifice in the amount of assistance to states proposed for the second year, these funds should be designated for SRC use in the development of program in states. It is hoped that decisions reached on allocations between central office and state organizations, made at the time FFR grant was received, can be reviewed and revised in the light of developing experience. (See Table 2)

5. It would be useful for the present Negro Director for State Organizations to be maintained on a part-time basis. His responsibility might become the coordination of consultants services and of other efforts to develop leadership and program activity in states.

6. It is suggested that there be a "consultant for liaison." This function might be met by a part-time position and might include responsibilities for development of cooperative relationships with national and regional organizations whose program objectives relate to those of the SRC. The responsibility might also include the selection and distribution of materials from other organizational sources for use by consultants, and by other SRC program groups, (church women, etc.).

7. It is suggested that a main emphasis in the coming year be development of understanding and the initiation of an integrated way of work in states. This may be made possible in a variety of ways, depending upon the state, and upon the nature of its present Board and staff. Continuous evaluation of program and organization in states will be needed in order to determine weakness, and to provide assistance in correcting the weakness revealed. The functions of the regional community consultants might include such evaluation.

CHURCH WOMEN - CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM

It is suggested that work with church women be strengthened through a budget allocation which will permit the planning for meetings of church women in states and adequate travel funds to enable the Secretary for Church

Women to maintain regular contacts with the groups through which she works in behalf of the SRC purpose.

INFORMATION PROGRAM

In order to extend the audience for the SRC point of view through its Information Program, the following suggestions are made:

1. That the staff in the Information Program be increased in order to enable differentiation between editorial and promotion functions. Re-enforced by two additional staff members, the Director of Information could be asked to assume responsibility for development of reports, requests, and other materials needed to provide the SRC Board, foundations and other groups with an over-all interpretation of program efforts. His editorial skills and over-all comprehension of program could serve the SRC well if these responsibilities were thus delegated.

   Two additional staff assistants in the Information Program could then assume responsibility for the functions of (1) fact finding (Position of Information Assistant) and (2) promotion. (The professional staff in the Information Program would thus include four persons.) Designated responsibility and specific attention to expanding circulation of New South and other SRC publications, both within and without the Southern region and within and without the "membership" of state groups, would increase the income from publications as well as expand the usefulness of the information program.

   Additional travel funds allocated to the information program would permit the staff to increase its contacts and cultivate relationships with the press and other media.

In considering all of the suggestions for redefinition of staff responsibility, it is taken for granted that there will be flexibility, and that the competence of available persons will be a major consideration.

It is also taken for granted that the Executive Committee will re-evaluate the role of the SRC in this period and realistically appraise its resources. On the basis of this evaluation and appraisal the functions of the SRC and possible means to fulfill them can be determined.

TABLE 1

ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE BY RACE AND FUNCTION -- MAY 1, 1954-MAY 31, 1955
CENTRAL OFFICE

FUNCTION	TITLE	Salaries by Race WHITE	Salaries by Race NEGRO	CLERICAL	TRAVEL	PRINT. & MATERIALS	OTHER	TOTAL
Adm. Interpretation Fund Raising	Exec.	$10,000		$3,000	$ 700			$13,700.00
Sec. Treas.		4,500		1,000				5,500.00
Special Projects	Menefee	1,733						
	Brewer	724						
	Jones		$ 150					2,607.00
State Org.	Asst.for	7,000	2,285	750	4,516			14,551.00
Program Devel'mt	Asst. for		7,750	750		$ 200		8,700.00
Church Rels. Program	Sec'y.	5,000		750	241		$ 893.00	6,884.00
Information Program	Dir.	7,000		3,050		6,640		
	Ed.Asst.	4,000						
	Infor. Asst.	4,000						24,690.00
All other overhead, etc.							18,060.00	18,060.00
Board					2,000			2,000.00
TOTALS		43,957	10,185	9,300	7,457	6,840	18,953.00	96,692.00

Total Grant for State Org. 1954-55 $158,000
Estimated Expenditure Sept. 30, '55 101,000
Estimated Bal. Sept. 30, 1955 $ 57,000

*Paid - through July 15
**Resv'd - to September 30

TABLE 2

PAYMENTS TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS FROM SRC
ACTUAL JUNE 1954 - JULY 15, 1955 -- ESTIMATED JULY 15, 1955 - SEPT. 30, 1955

NAME	SALARY EX. DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S.S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
ALABAMA (Paid*)	$3,958.27	$ $200.00	$1,317.73	$104.67	$3,064.48	
Resv'd**	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00	200.00	1,817.73	135.52	3,064.48	$10,217.73
ARKANSAS						
Paid	1,249.98	729.17	321.39	45.11	3,103.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,041.65	500.00	51.66		
	2,291.63	1,770.82	821.39	96.77	3,103.00	8,083.61
FLORIDA						
Paid for travel of Board members					592.60	592.60
GEORGIA						
Paid	5,624.91		2,083.31	95.81	1,302.25	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	6,666.56		2,604.13	127.06	1,302.25	10,700.00
KENTUCKY						
Paid	1,874.99	2,600.00	1,600.00	57.00	3,096.36	
Resv'd	1,041.65	1,320.00	500.00	10.00		
	2,916.64	3,920.00	2,100.00	67.00	3,096.36	12,100.00
LOUISIANA						
Paid	5,624.91		1,879.16	291.03	1,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	$6,666.56		$2,399.98	$322.28	$1,800.00	$11,188.82

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TABLE 2 (continued)

NAME	SALARY EX.DIR.	SALARY ASSO. OR CONSULTANTS	SALARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT	S.S.	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI						
Paid	$2,291.63		$ 536.86	$ 52.08	$2,044.67	
Resv'd	1,041.65		520.82	31.25		
	3,333.28		1,057.68	83.33	2,044.67	$ 6,518.96
NORTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.33		1,304.17	91.08	3,080.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		500.00	35.00		
	5,000.00		1,804.17	126.08	3,080.00	10,010.25
SOUTH CAROLINA						
Paid	3,958.27		1,328.05	88.87	3,080.28	
Resv'd	1,041.73		500.00	30.85		
	5,000.00		1,828.05	119.72	3,080.28	10,028.05
TENNESSEE						
Paid		$ 150.00	397.74(O.M.)	8.08	1,509.80	
Resv'd		3,850.00	729.15 "	14.58		
		4,000.00	1,126.89	22.66	1,509.80	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expenses					932.57	7,591.92
TEXAS						
Paid	3,541.61		1,562.48	85.41	2,800.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67		520.83	31.25		
	4,583.28		2,083.31	116.66	2,800.00	9,583.25
VIRGINIA						
Paid	208.33			4.17	1,500.00	
Resv'd	1,041.67	625.00	625.00	45.83		
	1,250.00	625.00	625.00	50.00	1,500.00	
Also paid to Board members for travel and expense of SRC staff in Virginia					634.47	4,684.47
TOTALS	$42,707.95	$10,515.82	$18,268.33	$1,267.08	$28,540.48	$101,299.66

TABLE 3

ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS - ESTIMATED COSTS
SRC. - CENTRAL OFFICE - 1955-56, ACTUAL COSTS - MAY 54 - JUNE 55

FUNCTION	TITLE	PROF'L SALARIES	BK.-KP. CLERICAL	TRAVEL	MAT.&/OR PRINTING	CONFER-ENCES	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL ESTIMATES
INTERPRETATION & FUND RAISING									(16,308)
	Ex.Dir.	$10,000	$ 3,000	$ 700			$ 3,000	$16,700	$16,700
GEN. & FISCAL MANAGEMENT									
	Bus.Mgr.	6,000	3,600					9,600	12,000
			2,400					2,400	(5,500)
INFORMATION PROGRAM				500	7,000			7,500	
	Director	7,000						7,000	
	Ed. Asst.	4,000						4,000	
	Info. "	4,000						4,000	
	Prom. "	4,000						4,000	26,500
									(24,690)
PROGRAM IN STATES			3,000	10,000		$13,000		26,000	
	Coordinator	3,750						3,750	
	Consultants	30,000						30,000	
	Asst. for Org.	7,000						7,000	66,750
									(14,551)
LIASON & MATERIAL			1,500	500	200			2,200	
	Consultants	3,750						3,750	5,950
									(8,700)
CHURCH RELATED PROGRAM			1,500	1,500		5,000		8,000	
	SECRETARY	6,000						6,000	14,000
									(6,884)
OVERHEAD							19,000	19,000	19,000
									(18,060)
BOARD EXPENSE							2,000	2,000	2,000
									(2,000)
TOTAL		$85,500	$15,000	$13,200	$7,200	$18,000	$24,000	162,900	162,900
									(96,693)

(Figures in parenthesis are actual figures for 1954-55)

TABLE 4

ESTIMATES OF COSTS AND INCOME IN RELATION TO SRC PROGRAM FUNCTIONS
CENTRAL OFFICE AND IN STATES 1955-56

COSTS		
I. Subsidy to States*		$126,000.00*
II. Central Office		
1. Program development in States	$66,750.00	
2. Information Program	26,500.00	
3. Church Relations Program	14,000.00	
4. Liaison and Materials	5,950.00	
5. Interpretation & Fund Raising	16,700.00	
6. General and fiscal Administration	12,000.00	
7. Overhead	19,000.00	
8. Board and all other	2,000.00	
		162,900.00
Total		$288,900.00
INCOME		
1. Anticipated FFR Assistance		
a. For Program in States*	$126,000.00*	
b. For Central Office	24,000.00	
c. Balance - 1954-55 Grant	57,000.00	
		$207,000.00
2. Balance - Duke and Field Grants	$ 13,804.00	
3. Field Fund Assistance 1956	5,000.00	
		$ 18,804.00
4. Needed from other sources		$ 63,096.00
a. Special Grant for Program Development in States		
b. Other		
Total		$288,900.00

*State organizations have been told that the second year's assistance from the SRC would be as follows:

Salary for Director	$ 5,000.00	
" " Associate	2,500.00	
" " Clerical Asst.	2,500.00	
Toward other costs	500.00	
		$ 10,500.00
In June, 1955, State orgs. were assured an additional..... to permit an equal salary of an associate.	$ 2,500.00	
		$13,000.00

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On the basis of these earlier proposals $156,000.00 would be needed for direct subsidy to twelve states. The amount estimated for direct subsidy assumes a state-by-state appraisal of possibilities for program development consistent with SRC purpose, and assistance from the central office to organize or remedy existing organizational weakness in certain states. With these assumptions, it is estimated that $13,000.00 for direct subsidy will not be needed for all states.

Subsequent discussion was participated in by Mr. Parrish, Mr. Routh, Mr. Dent, Mr. Christopher, Mrs. Tilly, and others.

Dent. Extent to which the Council should influence programs on the state level and the selection of personnel on the state level? Believed that as the grant was to the Southern Regional Council and not to the state organizations, SRC has the responsibility for the program which goes on in the states. SRC can't shirk that responsibility behind the guise of democracy and keeping things at the grass roots level. Has the responsibility for setting up a general program. Re clarification of functions between policy making and administration and whether Executive Committee and Board of Directors are fulfilling responsibility. Does SRC have the staff to administer program when it is properly set up? There is a need for clear distinction between what is policy making function and administrative function which belong to the staff, and it is the first point raised in Mrs. Hamilton's memorandum -- whether we are proceeding properly in good administrative procedure?

Christopher. Inclined to agree with Mr. Dent, but does not know how it is going to be done. Does not know how to get Executive Committee together to come to grips with the problem. Is afraid that some of the things recommended in Mrs. Hamilton's report are not practical in application. Proposals are wonderful, but execution of them is another matter. Need money and time to find and train people. Have got to get Executive Committee together to sit down and talk things through from the beginning, without interruptions and without half of them leaving.

Wright. Suggested that three members of the Executive Committee who were present sit down together and go over Mrs. Hamilton's memorandum.

Dent. It is a staff responsibility to work out program, but it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to work out policy.

Mitchell. Suggested that Mrs. Hamilton be compensated for work done on her report in the amount of two weeks pay, computed upon the basis of her salary at the time she left the Council.

Dent. Suggested that the Executive Director submit a recommendation re paying Mrs. Hamilton at the next session of the Committee.

Wright. Had the impression that the report was to be prepared during the two or three weeks before the termination of Mrs. Hamilton's employment with the Southern Regional Council.

Dent. The Executive Committee asked for the report and if Mr. Mitchell thinks she should be paid the thing to do is to pay her.

Mitchell. Mrs. Hamilton has a nice orderly mind, but SRC has a disorderly piece of machinery. He would certainly not recommend a sweeping reorganization of the Council. Is satisfied with the pace of change within the staff. Thinks that when funds are available and changes become right and feasible, it becomes a matter of administrative effort to see to it that they are made. In the matter of continuing Mr. Parrish -- he certainly proposed to do so. Many of the things recommended are finding themselves into practice. Have added money to the states' budgets for associates. One of the recommendations is for a series of sub-committees of the Executive Committee. Believes that the Executive Director would be too boxed in, and that it would be pretty hard to do anything. Would strongly object to that. A program committee must consist of persons in and around Atlanta. Does not think a small number of people in a single city should have final policy power over the show. A personnel committee has been in operation for a good long time. It has not laid down criteria, but it has laid down salary scales. Has never assisted any formal move to lay down criteria, just thinks that there is no criterion in the South today as to who is competent to put together a state organization and make it work. Thinks SRC is better off in the state groups for having the attitude of being willing to use native talent that seems to be of high quality, rather than by carefully prescribed standards. In summary, staff and Executive Committee are doing pretty well, and Executive Director would not welcome an injunction laid on him to work more closely with a variety of committees, but would follow the dictates of the Executive Committee.

Discussion turned to implications of Mrs. Hamilton's report on fund-raising, and emphasis was given to the desirability of further cooperation with the states in this matter.

Mr. Dent raised the point that, as set forth in Mrs. Hamilton's report, a disproportionate amount of salary money was going to white personnel as against Negro personnel.

Mitchell. The dates of the preparation of the table are important -- table was prepared May 31st. Secretary-Treasurer has moved into Negro bracket, also newly hired Information Assistant.

Dent. Expressed concern for the total picture, which stacks up quite to SRC's own disliking.

Wright. To what extent does the Executive Director recommend that SRC more nearly arrive at equality?

Mitchell. Mrs. Alexander for Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Irving for Information Assistant, and a vacancy for a $7,500 Program Director balances the figures a great deal.

Mrs. Tilly stated that she had had dreams of having a Negro woman to work with her in the office, but for the moment her first need was for getting more money to bring church women together. Also, there was a need for additional clerical help.

Wright. How much money would be needed to run Mrs. Tilly's department?

Tilly. At least $5,000 to maintain contacts, not only by states but also within the states.

Dent. Wondered if persons in the South are not impressed more by accidental rather than purposeful reading. Not sure that promotional person to expand New South is quite as important as one paragraph in the daily press and newspaper and magazine articles.

Fleming. New South's audience is highly selective -- people who can use the kind of material it contains. Agrees with Dent that there is much better audience through mass media; wonders whether full-time promotion person to uncover mass audience for New South would not be a very great luxury.

Final meeting convened at approximately 9:00 a.m., August 18th, in the Blue Room of the Mammoth Cave Hotel. Present were: Mr. Wright, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Dent, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Tilly, Mr. Parrish, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Constable, Mr. Routh, Elizabeth Brantley.

Mr. Wright took the position that the Executive Director is a member of the Committee ex-officio, and that as the by-laws did not specifically prohibit his being counted as a member of the quorum, it could be taken that his presence provided the fifth member for a quorum. But he said that efforts should be made to get approval, of any actions taken by the meeting, of some additional member of the Executive Committee.

In order to make doubly sure the existence of a quorum, at the instance of those full members of the Committee who were present at Mammoth Cave, Mr. John Constable was asked to review with Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie, a member of the Committee who had been unable to attend, all major actions. Mrs. Birnie, on August 31st, wrote the Executive Director, "This letter, in addition to my letter to you of August 26th, last, will serve as my answer to the poll of the members of the Executive Committee, and my approval of all actions taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting of the Executive Committee."

Wright. Executive Session of the Committee would make such decisions as it thought should be made in view of Mrs. Hamilton's report.

Griffin. It is of critical importance to get further involvement of members of the Board.

Wright. If, when the Executive Director makes his report of activities to members of the Board he would invite those members to make criticisms or suggestions as to what further actions might be taken, a member who did not

avail himself of the opportunity to criticize or express his opinions could not consider that he had been deprived of his right as a member of the Board.

Mitchell. On Mrs. Hamilton's being paid for her work on the report, recommended the sum of $350, as the best information he had is that it took about two weeks to complete the report.

PROPOSAL TO THE FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

The Executive Director read the tentative draft of a letter to the Fund for the Republic, asking for continuance of grant in the coming fiscal year. The final letter was as follows:

August 19, 1955

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is the request from the Southern Regional Council for continuance of aid from the Fund for the Republic for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1955.

The letter of grant dated April 2, 1954, in referring to periods after the first eighteen months, reads:

> "The Fund will give consideration to requests for a grant in 1955-56 of not to exceed $150,000 and a grant in 1956-57 of not to exceed $110,000. There is no commitment or intention on the part of the Fund to support the program of the Council after September 30, 1957."

Our letter of March 15, 1954, envisioned a total sum available from the Fund for the Republic for the twelve months October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956, of $22,847.50 for the central office of SRC and $125,433 for aid to the state programs. We would hope that these figures, particularly the $22,847.50, will be rounded upward.

As to financing the state programs, we are content with the amount just set out. For the typical state, that means aid from the second year's grant of about $10,500 with about $3,500 to be raised by each state organization. The longer organized state groups should be able to raise the needed amount without too great strain. The newer ones, staffed within the last few months, will find it harder. But the Fund for the Republic has materially eased the task for them by the terms of your letter

of May 25, 1955, enabling the carry-over to the state programs, under given restrictions, of some of the 1954-55 allocations for state programs unused (by reason of late starts with staff) in the current fiscal period. We feel satisfied that the twelve state organizations we have going will be able to continue as planned in the fiscal year 1955-56.

On the central office, we foresee problems, and ask for some further help, over and above that forecast in the original letter of grant.

The Southern Regional Council originally requested help from the Ford Foundation in May, 1951, after, of course, many months of careful preparation of the proposal. There seemed then to be time enough before any crisis period would be upon the South the organize in advance twelve state movements, and get them in condition to carry corrective program when the anticipated strain of desegregation, in various forms, would be upon the South. Generous as was the grant from the Fund for the Republic, its actual date was April, 1954, and the crucial decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter of the public schools came in the next month. The grant perforce had to be trimmed to what seemed the smallest possible amount for getting state organizations going. Specifically, in an effort to flow into the states the maximum of funds for their needs, we agreed to a minimal central office, deemed by us, and I suppose by your own staff, only barely enough to let us go out and organize twelve state movements and give them safe administrative supervision from a central office in Atlanta. Proceeding in the terms of the 1951 request, we were hoping that such a minimal supervisory office would be enough.

In actual fact, history has telescoped the need for supervision of a field organization and the need for rapid training of the field staffs in program looking toward desegregation. The two needs have run concurrently, and will do so for the second grant period, and to some degree probably for the third. Yet we in the central office have only sufficient funds for a routine administrative program, and cannot, under present circumstances, pay for the leadership, detailed instruction, and implementing guidance which the state organizations urgently need.

An obvious answer would be "if you need more, go out and raise it." We are committed already to raising by our own efforts, independently of the Fund for the Republic, $55,000 in the second grant period and that is quite as much as we can realistically undertake.

The Southern Regional Council is the only Southwide organization, having interracial policy-making bodies at the regional level and in the twelve states, helping with the problem of adjustment to the Supreme Court decision on the schools. These state boards consider problems, assess resources and their application to the problems, guide the staff, raise funds and work for improved human relations in their areas. How well they fill these functions is terribly important, not only to SRC's program, but to the success or failure of the South's adjustment to social change.

The people who make up these boards are not skilled technicians of social change; they are laymen and women of good will who believe in democracy. To the extent that we can increase their sensitivity to problems, their understanding of possible action, and their skill in relating to professional staff we will have increased the probability of success. What is proposed then is an adequate training program for these all-important and unique lay boards; a service which the central office cannot compass with only its present staff.

The device for work in this matter with state board people will be self-analysis, by way of evaluation conferences, by such state board people in company with the Program Director of SRC and several of the proposed special consultants. Such conferences should be held in each of the twelve states at least once in the coming fiscal year, and twice in six of the states. Total such evaluation and training conferences, eighteen.

In addition to program work of this kind with the state boards, the Southern Regional Council should call in to training and program review meetings twice each year the principal staff persons (usually two) from each state.

The entire training program should be coordinated by a Program Director travelling from the Atlanta office, and suitably underpinned with clerical help.

The bulk of the training work, both for the state boards and for state staff, would be carried by special consultants, appointed by the central office. They would number from three to six. They would be well versed in community relations and would have experience and skill in processes of desegregation. Examples:

Dr. Bonita Valien, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee
Dr. Mozell Hill, Atlanta University, Georgia
Dr. Hylan Lewis, Atlanta University, Georgia
Dr. Harry Walker, Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Lewis Killian, Florida State University, Tallahassee
Dr. Dan Dodson, New York University Center for Human Relations
Dr. G. D. Wilson, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky
Dr. Miller Ritchie, President, Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y.
(Floridian, long in charge of the Department of Human Relations, University of Miami)

They should draw $50 a working day, plus travel at about $100 a trip. About three such consultants would be used for each training or program review meeting.

The growth of the work in the central office, including undertaking the training effort, makes it highly desirable to add to the Atlanta staff an administrative assistant to the Executive Director. He would be an office manager, would have charge of budgets, and would give answers to field inquiries within agreed policy. The services of such an assistant will release the Executive Director for more policy and program work.

A small sum should be available to meet occasional travel costs of state board people, and for contingencies in the development of the program. A moderate allowance is made for space, supplies, and telephone and telegraph.

The figures for this implementation program are these:

Program Director	$ 7,500	
Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director	6,000	
Clerical	6,000	
Social Security	470	
Travel, Program Director	2,000	
Consultants' Fees	4,000	
Travel of Consultants 50 trips @ $100	5,000	
Training meetings of state staff	5,000	
Travel of an occasionsl state board member, and contingencies	3,000	
Supplies, space	500	
Telephone and Telegraph	800	
Total		$ 40,270
Less, unspent balance of 1954-55 allocation for states		10,000
Sum requested for implementation program		$ 30,270

Here is a summary of our total request for 1955-56.

Estimated Cost of proposed additional services to state organizations	$40,270	
Unspent balance 1954-55 state funds to be applied	10,000	
Proposed increase of grant	$30,270	$ 30,270
Regular request for renewal		
Central Office	$ 25,000	
State Organizations	125,433	
Total	$150,433	$150,433
GRAND TOTAL		$180,703

We do not burden this letter with an account of our stewardship for the first grant period now coming to an end. We have reported in detail for each quarter, and your staff is familiar, from its own travel, with our successes and our shortcomings. In addition, full audit reports

have been filed for each quarter, and another audit, with an eighteen months summary for the first grant period, will be filed shortly after September 30, 1955.

Sincerely,

/s/
George S. Mitchell

GSM/eab
Encl [carried below in full]

NOTE ON FUND-RAISING 1954-55

The Southern Regional Council for its central office has raised as of August 11, 1955, independently of the grant from the Fund for the Republic approximately $47,000. If certain subscription payments from SRC's state organizations to the central office be allowed as funds raised by the central office, the amount raised by August 11th will be raised to $49,000. But these same payments are considered in the first instance as sums raised by the states toward the amount which each state must raise in order to qualify for assistance from SRC in SRC's second fiscal period.

As of August 11, 1955, the degree of success by the state organizations in raising their pro rata amounts, independently of grants to them from SRC, was approximately as follows. The word "approximate" is used as figures are taken from state reports without as yet advantage of audit.

The column "to raise" means the sum specified by SRC as the amount for each state to raise. The modal figure, it will be recalled, was $1800 based on the assumption that each state would begin with staff October 1, 1954, and continue thus to the end of the fiscal year. In cases where the quota set by SRC exceeds $1800, staff was taken on earlier than October 1st in the states, and we have required that staff employed prior to October 1, 1954, be paid for by the states. In some instances, also, the modal quota of $1800 is increased by reason of salaries higher than the $5,000 which SRC was able to provide for principal staff personnel.

Sums markedly less than $1800 are calculated on a pro rata basis month for month of operation with staff. Thus six months of operation with staff yields a quota of six-twelfths of $1800; two months of operation with staff yields a quota of two-twelfths of $1800 (plus in some instances, increases in pro rata quota by reason of higher salary payments at the instance of state programs).

UNAUDITED REPORT ON STATE MONEY-RAISING
August 11, 1955

STATE	BEGAN WITH STAFF	TO RAISE	JULY 31 HAD RAISED
Alabama	October 1, 1954	$1800	$1600
Arkansas	April 15, 1955	825	150
Georgia	June 1, 1954	2400	3536
Kentucky	November 1, 1954	1650	702
Louisiana	June 1, 1954	3000	2650
Mississippi	January 1, 1955	1350	600
North Carolina	October 1, 1954	2800	1000
South Carolina	October 1, 1954	1800	1200
Tennessee	June 1, 1955	700	170
Texas	November 1, 1954	1690	1790
Virginia	July 15, 1955	825	--
Florida	August 16, 1955	350	--

The Southern Regional Council is confident that all, or virtually all, of the states will meet their quota by or before September 30, 1955. All states were notified in the beginning, and renotified months ago of the amounts of their quotas and of the firm requirement that they be raised. In addition, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, meeting August 16, 17, and 18, 1955, resolved that states failing to raise their quota would receive no assistance in the coming fiscal year until they had met their past as well as current fund-raising obligation.

Subsequent discussion elaborated the functions and duties of an administrative assistant;raised the proposed compensation of consultants from a first-suggested $25.00 to $50.00; provided additional funds on supplies and communications; and at various points improved the language of the presentation.

Wright. Would like to see another paragraph added re having in mind in the near future to submit proposals for other projects.

Mitchell. Strongly urged that this not be done. On the success or failure of the request depends SRC's whole financial setup.

Wright. If, within a few days, we would submit to them proposals which they have invited, wouldn't you advise that it be done?

Mitchell. Thought it was agreed that proper procedure was not to include awards proposal in this letter.

Dent. Agreed with the position that awards proposal should not be included in letter of request. When it gets to presentation before the Fund for the Republic Board, they also have a limitation of funds. It would be

better to submit request for grant as "this is what we want," and other proposals as "this is what we would like to have."

Wright. Agreed.

Mitchell. It seems to me well if the letter bore not only my signature, but also the signature of Mr. Wright and Mr. Clement. He had drafted a forwarding letter which would cover that function.

This was read and accepted by the Committee.

Mitchell. In the budget which was set out tentatively yesterday, the salary of an administrative assistant was listed at $5,000, but it should be $6,500.

Wright. Does not know if at all possible to amend general letter with idea he has in mind. Should have a very substantial item in the general budget for contingencies. Should have a task force of two or three people to go to communities where friction may develop. The Fund for the Republic might respond to the idea of a fairly large contingency.

Parrish. Already have an item for associate directors in the states. There is a possibility of some difficulty in hiring associates, and there may be some unused funds in the allotment at the end of the coming year. Has any arrangement been made for using the funds for other purposes?

Mitchell. Believes the thing to do is to feed consultants into the state organizations.

Wright. Does SRC have discretion as to use of funds set aside for associate directors?

Mitchell. Certainly has discretion from Fund for Negro personnel in the states. Would not divert it to white persons or to other purposes.

Fleming. The spirit of the thing was to enable states to use fully integrated staff.

Dent. Fund for the Republic should agree with any adjustments which are made by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Committee.

Mitchell. We have one untouchable allocation; namely the distribution as between central office and state funds. Has never been constrained to any stated allocation as between states, just the difference between central office money and state money.

Griffin. Use of consultants. Haven't talked enough about the Council's being in position to do any kind of fact-gathering and research; some of the consultants indeed may be used to prepare training materials.

Mitchell. To put that in the request would weaken it.

Dent. Dependent upon the states having to raise $1800 this year, they lose $10,000 for the next year. If they can't raise $1800 in order to get $10,000 he would just as soon see the operation closed.

Upon motion it was agreed that any state which, at September 30, 1955, has not raised its agreed pro rata quota would have its assistance cut off until it meets its first year and current requirements.

Wright. Should try to keep a little leeway in that.

Mitchell. Along about April, '55 wrote a letter to chairmen of each state organization about the amount a particular state had to raise.

Dent. Motion makes it desirable for the Executive Director to send a letter to each state Executive Director on the necessity for meeting terms of the Fund for the Republic grant.

Upon motion, the letter to the Fund for the Republic requesting continuance of aid to SRC was unanimously approved.

Discussion turned to fund-raising in the states. Mr. Dent spoke of a considerable weakening of the work of the former New Orleans Committee on Race Relations after the establishment of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS

Mr. Fleming stated that in his personal capacity as a friend of one Adam Yarmolinsky, employed by the Fund for the Republic in matters pertaining to legal profession, he, Fleming, had been consulted as to a proposal in preparation for a legal reporting service fashioned in some sense after the work of the Southern Education Reporting Service in Nashville. Mr. Wright had been consulted as an interested lawyer, and had written in that he thought such a program should be put forward as an official proposal from the Southern Regional Council.

Wright. Ideal administrative setup would be a director and an editorial board of Southern law professors from several institutions, including Negro professors of law. Service would be less likely to fall under the curse of outside interference if it were coordinated by a Southern agency (such as SRC), than if it were directly run by the FFR.

Fleming. Had some word that negotiations had been entered into with the Vanderbilt Law School.

Wright. Would SRC care to submit proposals to Ford people?

Fleming. Personal view -- Fund for the Republic is very eager to set up something that would be unassailable from the point of view of the profession. They are also eager to set up a service which will not be unduly vulnerable to charges of bias, in that they are trying to reach attorneys of all persuasions.

Wright. If SRC were approached, would it be well-advised to accept?

Mitchell. Bad social policy. Thinks the lawyers ought to do it on their own. Believed it hopeless to persuade FFR to stake SRC to it, and that the Board of the Fund for the Republic is going to look in another direction.

Dent. Most SRC would do in such a service is to serve as a fiscal agent. Believed that it would be necessary to go outside SRC for actual work of service. Would rather see SRC do it than not have it done at all.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee approved the proposal (though not necessarily the exact language) with regard to awards to communities for desegregation progress, and urged the Executive Director to carry through on it.

Upon motion it was unanimously agreed that if the opportunity is presented to the Southern Regional Council to sponsor a legal reporting service, the Executive Director is authorized to set it up.

The Executive Director referred to another recommendation from Mr. Wright that an early article for New South catalogue and describe the cost of legal services state by state in combating the public school desegregation law suits. Discussion revealed that while this would not be an easy article to get together, by common consent it would be an extremely useful one.

There being no further business before the present session, the Executive Committee adjourned into an Executive Session, at the conclusion of which the President, Mr. Wright, prepared the following summary of actions in Executive Session.

1. It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer forward to Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton the Council's check in the amount of $350, in compensation for her services in the thorough and painstaking report which she had prepared, and which was widely discussed at this meeting. In addition, the President was directed to express to Mrs. Hamilton the Council's appreciation of her services in this regard. This action was pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Director.

2. It was moved and carried that the sense of the Executive Committee was that the office of Administrative Assistant was vital to the success of the Council's program; that this office should be filled without regard to the action taken by the Fund for the Republic on the Council's application, this day approved; and that the Personnel Committee should immediately prepare a job analysis for the position and attempt to fill it by October 1, 1955.

3. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that, once the budget was adopted, there should be no reallocation of funds within the budget without the approval of the Executive Committee and no commitment or proposal for use of any of such funds otherwise than as stated in the budget without the approval in advance of the Executive Committee.

4. It was declared to be the sense of the Committee that at future meetings, only the members of the Executive Committee (including the Executive Director), should be present with the qualification that the Committee reserves the right to invite the attendance of any staff member for the purpose of making a report upon his or her activities or for such other purposes as the Executive Committee may determine.

5. The Executive Director was requested, as promptly as possible, to notify the Executive Committee of meeting dates for the ensuing year, in order that conflicting engagements may not be entered into.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Contributions to
Southern Regional Council
Inc.
April 1, 1954 – August 8, 1955

Individual Contributions	—	$ 2,597.04
Organizations	—	6,048.26
Churches	—	5,990.00
Foundations	—	21,160.00
Membership Dues	—	1,386.00
New South	—	931.63
Sale of Literature	—	5,592.04
Honoraria	—	2,293.01
		45,977.98
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		46,102.98

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Mitchell's Revenue forecast - 1955-56 (fiscal yr)

✓ Church organizations	5000
✓ Labor organizations	5000
✓ Small foundations	1000
✓ Dues, associates	500
✓ Sale of literature	3000
✓ New South	
✓ non. state	1000
✓ State	5000
✓ Honoraria	1000
✓ Board + Committee	2000
✓	23,500
Prospective Fndtn	
JH Whitney	2,500
Duke	5,000
Total ✓	31,000
Carry over	
Duke (old grant)	✓ 5,500
Field (covenanted) + end-of-yr)	✓ 6.000
Total	42,500

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Note: The room assignments below might prove to be tentative -- but for all practical purposes I list them as follows:

1. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell, Atlanta, Georgia

2. ~~Mr. and Mrs. James Birnie, Atlanta, Georgia~~

3. Mr. C. H. Parrish, Louisville, Ky., - Mr. A. W. Dent, New Orleans, La.

4. Mr. Frederick B. Routh, Atlanta, Ga., - Mr. John Constable, Atlanta, Georgia

5. Mr. H. C. Fleming, Atlanta, Ga., - ~~Mr. John Griffin~~, Atlanta, Georgia

6. Mr. Carter Wesley, Houston, Tex., - Mr. Paul Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn.

7. Father Maurice V. Shean, C. O., Rock Hill, S. C., - Mr. Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, North Carolina.

8. ~~Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton~~, Atlanta, Ga. - [redacted] Wilkins, Atlanta, Ga.

9. Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Atlanta, Georgia

10. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brantley, Georgia

11. Ruth Alexander, Atlanta, Ga.

~~7 board members~~

7 comm. members

7 staff members

It strongly recommended the creation of local planning committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55. Action completed October 1, 1955.

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meetings for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

23. Approved the staff draft of a manuscript on the history of the Southern Regional Council, drawn for use in the October, 1955 controversy with the Attorney-General of Georgia. 10/28-29/55

24. Proposed for the consideration of the Board of Directors such amendments to the By-Laws as would confine membership on the Board and on the Executive Committee to volunteer (i. e., non-staff) personnel. 10/28-29/55

25. Undertook to draft procedural rules for the meetings of the Executive Committee which would bring in staff personnel on invitation. 10/28-29/55

26. Accepted with the greatest regret the resignation of Mr. Leonard Haas as Counsel, he having served the Council and its predecessor, the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in this capacity for more than twenty-five years. 10/28-29/55

27. Undertook that in the present fiscal year instead of recommending that Committee and Board members give or get a hundred dollars apiece to the Council a request would be made to these persons to assist the Council directly with such sums as might be practicable. 10/28-29/55

28. Agreed to recommend to the Board the employment of Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer, at a modest increase in salary. 10/28-29/55

29. Selected the Executive Committee's members of the 1956 Nominating Committee. 10/28-29/55

30. Approved an arrangement for asking the chairman of each affiliated state organization to nominate a member from that state to serve on a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council. 10/28-29/55

31. Adopted a proposed schedule of expenditures for the central office totalling $93,080 in the fiscal year 1955-56, subject to quarterly review as to availability of funds, and with the proviso that a complete budget, listing expected income and proposed outgo, be submitted to the Board of Directors November 9, 1955. 10/28-29/55

32. Accepted the resignation of Morris Abram, of Atlanta, from the Executive Committee, expressing the hope that Mr. Abram would remain on the Board. 10/28-29/55.

33. Approved a proposal to employ an Assistant Director for Program to coordinate a program to be operated jointly with state organizations for assistance in program planning. 10/28-29/55

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11/2/55

FILE COPY

September 6, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

The next executive committee meeting of SRC is scheduled for Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29, 1955.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to make reservations for 12 to 15 people at the Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, for those dates.

The first meeting would take place at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 28. We would want dinner that evening at 6:00 p.m., after which we would reconvene for an evening meeting. We would like breakfast and lunch on Saturday, October 29, and leave for home shortly thereafter. We would only be spending one night at the hotel, which is Friday, October 28.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, and, if you need further information please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

rha
cc: George S. Mitchell

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PHONE: 3-4770

September 7, 1955

SEP 8 1955

Mrs. Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Reservations have been requested at the Mountain View Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee for October 28 and 29, 1955, as outlined in your letter of September 6th.

We will advise if and when they are confirmed. I will be driving through Gatlinburg this coming Sunday and will make an effort to see Tom Wood personally, and may be able to tell Dr. Mitchell at Lake Junaluska next week whether we can get the desired reservations.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Christopher

Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, Region IV

PRC:llr
liu 1695 cio

The Catholic Committee of the South

P. O. BOX 895

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 12, 1955

SEP 14 1955

MRS. RUTH HOUSE ALEXANDER
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVE. N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

DEAR MRS. ALEXANDER:

I WAS HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER OF THE 6TH OF SEPTEMBER, INDICATING THE FUTURE DATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. I HAVE MARKED THEM ON MY APPOINTMENT BOOK AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO ATTEND ALL OF THESE MEETINGS.

FOR YOUR KINDNESS, I AM GRATEFUL.

SINCERELY YOURS IN CHRIST AND ST. PHILIP,

Maurice V. Shean c

(VERY REV.) MAURICE V. SHEAN, C. O.

MVS:E

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

Sept. 16, 1955

Mrs. Ruth Alexander
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

SEP 19 1955

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

It is my purpose to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee at Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg, October 28--29th.

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:EJG

September 21, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Tough luck about Gatlinburg. The man must be less than persuaded.

Rufus Clement, consulted, says we might just meet again in Atlanta, at his Board Room, Friday, October 28th at 3:00 p.m., again that evening, and Saturday morning the 29th. So that's what we'll do for the Executive Committee meeting.

Remember that the Board meets at Tuskegee Institute for the one day of Wednesday, November 9th. Get there trainwise by using the station stop at Chehaw on the A and WP, and taxi two miles or so to Tuskegee Institute.

Thanks all the same for trying Gatlinburg. We must make that work some time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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bc: RA ✓

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September 19, 1955

SEP 20 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

The enclosed letter from the Mountain View Hotel at Gatlinburg is self-explanatory.

It will therefore be necessary that other arrangements be made for the late October meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, Region IV

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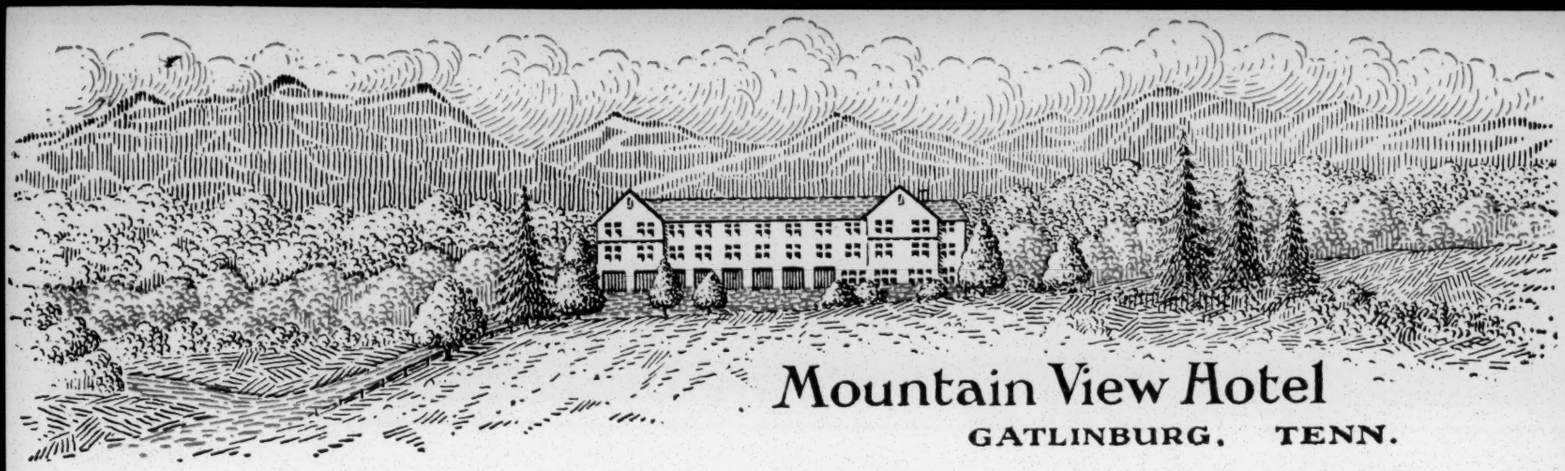

Mountain View Hotel

GATLINBURG. TENN.

In the Heart of the Great Smoky Mountains

HORSES AND GUIDES
AVAILABLE

September 8, 1955

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, Region IV
Congress of Industrial Organization
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Because the Hotel is practically full we are sorry but we will be unable to accommodate your group, the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

October is one of our busiest months so it is hard for us to accommodate any special groups.

We regret that we cannot be of service to you at this time.

Cordially yours,

Tom

Tom Woods
Manager

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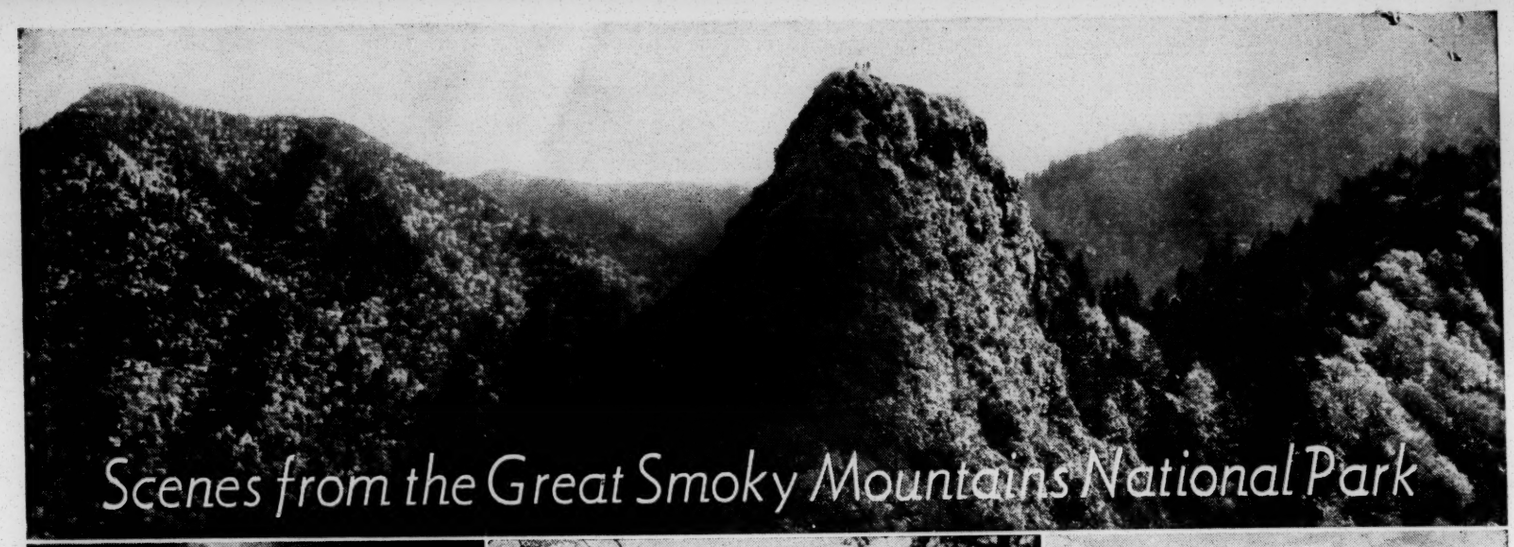
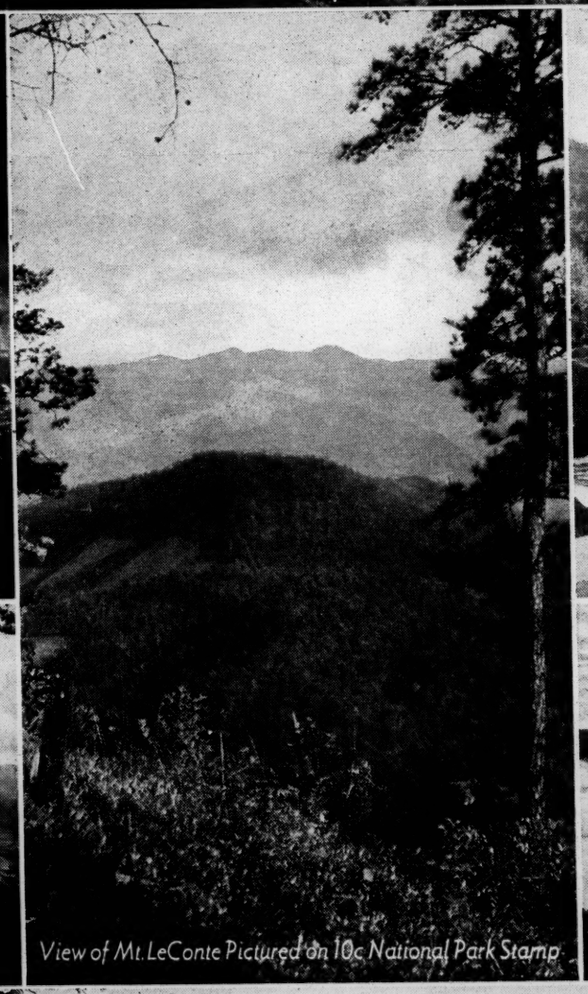
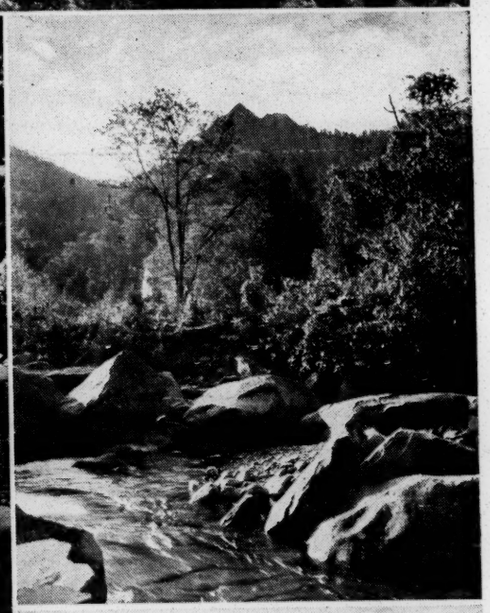
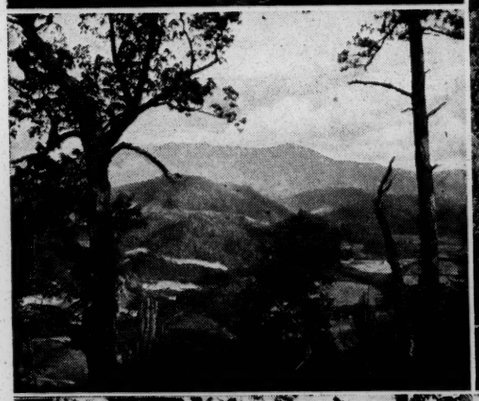


Scenes from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park



View of Mt. LeConte Pictured on 10c National Park Stamp





Sent to members of Exec. Com. 9/23/55

September 23, 1955

Mr. J. McDowell Richards
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richards:

The Mountain View Hotel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, has informed us that they will be unable to accommodate our group for the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for October 28-29, 1955.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Rufus E. Clement, we will be able to hold the October 28-29 meeting of the Executive Committee at Atlanta University, Room 307, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

The first meeting will convene at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 1955, after which we will have dinner together at the Atlanta University Dining Hall, 50 Chestnut Street, S. W. The evening meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday morning meeting, October 29, begins at 9:30 a.m., at 223 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether you will be able to attend the Executive Committee Meeting, and whether you will want accommodations at the Atlanta University Dormitories for Friday night, or other help from us in making reservations.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

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515 Healey Building
Atlanta

Birnie, C. Maxwell
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta

Christopher, Paul
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Clement, Rufus E.
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Dent, Albert W.
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Griffin, John A.
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Haas, Leonard
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta

Hancock, Gordon B.
Virginia Union Univ.
Richmond, Virginia

Richards, J. McDowell
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

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Gammon Theological Seminary
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Rock Hill, South Carolina

Wesley, Carter
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Wilkins, Josephine
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Wright, Marion A.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

7/13/55
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September 23, 1955

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Mr. Carter Wesley
P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Wesley:

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Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

SEP 29 1955

Sept. 26, 1955

Mr. Morris B. Abram, Atty.
Healey Bldg.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Abram:

I regret very much that circumstances cause you to feel that you must resign from the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. I will place your letter before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

No member of the board has rendered to the organization more conscientious and able service than you have rendered. I know that we may have the assurance of your continued interest and support even if you have to sever your connection with us.

With kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:EJG

c c to George Mitchell

~~P.S.~~ Geo

Please put this on agenda for next meeting

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NOTE: Original ltr and copy of outgoing put into Exec. Com. file (mtg. Oct. 28-29).

FILE COPY

September 21, 1955

Mr. Morris B. Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

We are grateful for the $100, but hard hit by your resigning both from the Executive Committee and from the Board.

The Board cannot take but a single day a year, and we do think you ought to stay on the Board.

Meanwhile, we are endlessly grateful for all the hours and hours of time and the brilliant thinking you have put into helping us solve our own and the South's problems. Never did any organization have a more devoted and effective friend.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $100

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LAW OFFICES OF
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ARTHUR HEYMAN (1867-1951)
HERMAN HEYMAN
MORRIS B. ABRAM
CHARLES F. WITTENSTEIN
HELEN T. HARPER

September 20, 1955

SEP 21 1955

Mr. M.A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Our firm has just assumed a very large additional legal responsibility which is going to tie me to my desk considerably more than I ever anticipated.

Already I find it impossible to attend day long meetings, a fact which I am sure you as a lawyer appreciate.

I do not like to involve myself in the work of organizations unless I can spend the time to consider the policies, to debate them and to present my views. I have not had recently, and I do not see any chance of having that kind of time in the future to devote to the Council. I am therefore resigning from the Executive Committee and the Board of Southern Regional Council.

As you know, I will always be interested in advancing the future of the South to which we are all devoted. I will be glad, of course, within the limits of my time, to do whatever I am able on an individual basis to promote the progress of the south and a peaceful, equitable solution to its problems.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Abram

Morris B. Abram

A/c
CC: Executive Secretary
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

Exec. Com. Mtg.
10/28-29 '55

FILE COPY

October 18, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Operation inclusive reply -- your letters of October 7th, August 22nd (must have been previously answered), and further on our conversation.

As to choice between an Administrative Assistant (working since October 1st) and a program man, it looks as though we can get both. I will have written you that C. H. Parrish recommended using the dangle of $10,000-$12,000 of last year's state money partly to engage John Hope and other ad hoc field-use consultants. I have sent you documents re John Hope, and will send others.

On the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting I'll sit in a seul, and the Committee can make what arrangements it may wish about the future.

I will consult with Mr. Clement re job description for G. S. Alexander. Off-hand, I think it takes too much away from the Secretary-Treasurer.

I have set up a tickler to remind us in 1956 to ask for the no-politics certificates.

On the legal reporting service: I agree that the Executive Committee said SRC would take it if it were offered, but I don't agree that the members of the Executive Committee were well disposed toward going out to get it.

On awards, we sent the proposal to the Fund for the Republic (August 31st, copy to you?) and have heard (only informally) that awards went over to some future Board meeting of the Fund for the Republic, and we will be further consulted if need be.

The letter we find after the Mammoth Cave meeting was dated August 22nd. It was entirely about proposed changes in various job descriptions. All of the changes you proposed were ordered to be made in the job descriptions.

Other topics we raised in conversation, or by letter from you:

We did send to the Fund for the Republic, in the business about awards, a list of opposition groups which have appeared in the South.

On measuring effectiveness of state groups, we all wish to, and will and do, but the statistical criteria are few.

We will do our best to get documents to the Executive Committee and Board ahead of time.

The Nominating Committee's report has reached you. Correction at USC, C. Travelstead. (!)

We continue to be interested in the proposal about federal judicial districts, and plans for school desegregation in each, modified to meet local situations, as you and I discussed.

Harold will have written you about deliberate speed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl: copy of ltr to FFR re awards to Southern communities. Dtd 8/31/55

Exec. Com. Mtg. Oct. 28, 29

FILE COPY

October 18, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

I have studied with care the proposed job description which Marion Wright sent you October 6th for the new Administrative Assistant, Mr. G. S. Alexander. I have also been over the job descriptions with Mr. Alexander and with the acting Secretary-Treasurer. Most of the phrases as to particular jobs I would agree with. Some of them I don't like.

I think the job of office manager is best done by the Secretary-Treasurer. The main thing in the job is keeping the clerical staff recruited and effective. Nearly all the clerical staff are women, and the Secretary-Treasurer is a woman, and I think that that is a good arrangement.

Shifting purchase of supplies to the Administrative Assistant I think unduly burdens his job. There is a lot of petty telephoning around to buy envelopes $2.00 a thousand cheaper than the other man offers them. The trade channels are well known to the Secretary-Treasurer's office and I think that function could stay where it is.

I am considerably puzzled by the proposal in Marion Wright's job description that the Administrative Assistant keep making an estimate of the efficiency of everybody and saying what he thinks to me and to the Executive Committee. I think it would largely destroy his value if he were charged with sizing up everybody else in the show.

Lastly, I don't like the idea of putting the Secretary-Treasurer under his direction. The main reason for having a Secretary-Treasurer is to provide the safeguard of direct access to financial matters by the Executive Committee. It is a consequence of that purpose that the Secretary-Treasurer writes the checks. The Administrative Assistant ought to be working in the closest harmony with the Executive Director. If the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director is above the Secretary-Treasurer, the whole independence of the Secretary-Treasurer has blown up.

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I have prepared an alternative job description which has my approval and that of both the Secretary-Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant. I send it to you in advance so that you may have a little time to ponder it. I hope that in the very near future you will let me come over and we can try to take advantage of Marion Wright's delegation to us of power to agree.

I enclose for your convenience the current job description of the Secretary-Treasurer. It would not be my proposal that this job description be altered.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - Job Descriptions
1. Administrative Assistant
2. Secretary-Treasurer

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JOB DESCRIPTION

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Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director shall:(1) establish and supervise accounting procedures; (2) handle all insurance matters, including guarding against lapses or under-insurance; (3) prepare fiscal analysis and reports needed by staff or committees or the Board; (4) prepare and submit to the Executive Director and Executive Committee proposed budgets, and reports showing fiscal operations and status pursuant to budgets as finally adopted; and (5) upon request advise and consult with the state organizations on purchasing, fiscal, budgetary, and accounting matters. The Administrative Assistant shall perform his duties under the direction of the Executive Director.

cc

cc: RA
GSA

NOTE: * THIS IS FOR GSM TO TAKE TO EXEC. COM. MTG.
10/28/29

October 19, 1955

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSM

FROM: GSM

Article V, Section 1, in the first sentence delete the words "and the assistant directors." Change the word "members" to "a member," so that the clause will now read, "The Executive Director shall also be ex-officio a member of the Committee, but without the right to vote."

Notice that under the presently-in-force amended language of Article II, Section 3, the assistant directors remain ex-officio members of the Board.

eab/

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GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Exec. Com. mtg. 10/28/55

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 19, 1955

Dear Executive Committee Member:

Here's a budget for all we think it would be rightful to spend, and how, for this fiscal year. The meeting October 28th-29th should be prepared to recommend a budget to the Board, which meets November 9th.

We think somewhere around $65,500 of this budget can be got together. Where the other $25,000 - $30,000 is to come from the staff does not know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED BUDGET

For fiscal year - October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956; and comparison with actual expenditures for 12 month period September 1, 1954 - August 31, 1955.

CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY

EXPENSES:	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salaries Central Office	$ 57,404.94	$ 61,600.00
Social Security Tax	760.57	800.00
Travel	6,945.15	7,500.00
Printing	10,528.10	8,500.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Postage	1,378.17	2,000.00
Books & Subscriptions	905.99	300.00
Accounting Fees	420.00	500.00
Insurance & Misc. Expense	170.51	300.00
Office Supplies	4,807.58	2,900.00
Annual Meeting Expense	2,663.42	2,000.00
Special Meetings in Connection with Women's Work	893.37	2,500.00
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
TOTAL	$ 90,175.81	$ 93,080.00

ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
Salary, Executive Director	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Salary, Administrative Ass't		6,000.00
Salary, Sec'y to Exec. Dir.	3,000.00	3,100.00
Salary, Secretary-Treasurer	4,958.28	4,000.00
1/3 Salary, Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
Social Security for Central Off. Personnel	760.57	800.00
Annual Meeting & Exec. Committee Meetings	2,663.42	2,000.00
Travel	6,703.82	7,000.00
Rent	1,335.00	1,680.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,813.01	2,500.00
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,500.00	2,500.00
Postage (not including New South)	1,378.17	2,000.00
Printing (other than New South)	6,335.48	2,000.00
Audit Fees	420.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	127.29	300.00
Insurance	43.22	
Sub-totals	$ 45,038.26	$ 45,380.00
* INFORMATION SERVICE AND NEW SOUTH		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for Information	$ 6,833.48	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Editorial Assistant	1,791.52	5,000.00
Salary, Research Assistant	2,483.49	4,000.00
Salary, Clerk		2,700.00
2/3 Salary, Clerk (Circulation)	2,000.00	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk (Steno)	494.27	750.00
Salary Office Boy (Part-time)	328.50	300.00
New South, Printing & Postage	4,192.62	6,500.00
Envelopes, Addressograph, Plates, etc.	307.58	400.00
Books & Materials	705.99	300.00
Sub-totals	$ 19,137.45	$ 28,950.00

	ACTUAL 1954 - 1955	PROPOSED 1955 - 1956
LAISON - STATE ORGANIZATIONS		
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	$ 6,083.31	$ 7,000.00
Salary, Ass't Dir. for State Organ.	3,289.30	2,000.00
1/4 Salary, Stenographer	494.27	750.00
Sub-totals	$ 9,866.88	$ 9,750.00
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT		**
Salary, Ass't for Program Development	$ 7,750.00	To be provided under state training Program
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.27	
Program Materials	200.00	
	$ 8,444.27	
Women's Work		
Salary, Director of Women's Work	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,250.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	494.25	750.00
Travel, Director	241.33	500.00
Meetings, travel of participants etc.	893.37	2,500.00
Sub-totals	$ 6,628.95	$ 9,000.00
Two Clerks - July & August 1955	910.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Manuscript on Cotton Tenancy	150.00	
Grand Totals	$90,175.81	$93,080.00

* Of the total of $28,950.00 proposed to be spent for the Information Service and New South, $6,850.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Doris Duke Foundation grant; $1,500.00 is available as an unexpended balance in the Marshall Field Foundation grant; and $5,000,00 has been promised us from the Marshall Field Foundation for the calendar year 1956. Of this $5,000.00 there will be $3,750.00 available for the current budget period.

** Salary for Ass't Director	$ 2,500.00
1/4 Salary, Clerk	500.00
Consultants, salaries &travel	4,000.00
Travel, Ass't Director	1,500.00
Total	$ 8,500.00

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October 20, 1955

Mr. George Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

CIO President Walter Reuther has called a meeting of CIO Regional Directors in Detroit on October 28, 1955, and it is now definite that I will not be able to attend the October 28-29 meeting of the SRC Executive Committee.

Sorry.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul R. Christopher

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 20, 1955

Dear Executive Committee Member:

You recall that it is customary for the Executive Committee to report on its activities to the once-a-year meeting of the Board of Directors of SRC.

In the past this has been too perfunctorily done.

Here is a possible draft of such a report for your working over and adoption in altered form at the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee October 28th - 29th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES 1954-55

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has met five times since the last annual meeting of the Board. The dates on which the meetings were held were: November 23, 1954; February 17, 1955; May 26, 1955; August 16-18, 1955; and October 28-29, 1955. The August meeting was held at Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. All the rest were held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee's actions are here listed:

1. Charged chairmen of state organizations with the responsibility of employing only loyal Americans, and of signing a form so stating for SRC's permanent files. 11/23/54

2. As empowered by the Board, worded an amendment of SRC's By-Laws, Article V, Section 4, to provide for a Nominating Committee, which, meeting at least 30 days prior to annual meeting, would nominate: a) Members of the Council; b) Officers of the Council; c) Members of the Executive Committee; and d) three members of the succeeding Nominating Committee (one of whom is to be a state chairman). The President and the Executive Committee shall appoint at least two more members. 11/23/54

3. Appointed a Program Planning Committee to work closely with the staff in planning program. 11/23/54

4. Carefully reviewed work of the staff and Program Planning Committee. 2/17/55

5. Pledged [redacted] members present to raise or give $100 each to SRC and invited the rest of the committee and Board to do likewise. 2/17/55

6. Authorized the release of a "Statement by the Executive Committee, Southern Regional Council" which hailed the progress toward desegregation in 80 out of 129 border-state counties, summarized what was being done in the upper-South and Southwest, and deplored lack of progress in the hard core states. It strongly recommended the creation of local planning

committees by citizens of both races meeting in equal dignity. 2/17/55 (Statement released 3/6/55)

7. Authorized Harold Fleming, Assistant Director, to sign SRC checks. 2/17/55

8. Accepted with regret the resignation, effective July 15th, of Katherine Stoney and appointed Mrs. Ruth Alexander as Acting Secretary-Treasurer. 5/26/55

9. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff and approved a letter from the Executive Director to the Fund for the Republic proposing a reallocation of unspent state organization funds to be used for benefit of the state organizations. 5/26/55

10. Authorized funds for fee and travel for Morris Abram as special counsel on tax exemption hearing at Washington, D. C. 5/26/55

11. Heard a detailed report by Mrs. Grace Hamilton on her year's work with SRC and asked for a written report thereof. 5/26/55

12. Heard report of proposed state staff meeting at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, June 1-3. 5/26/55

13. Approved the idea of two-day Executive Committee meetings, out of Atlanta when practicable. 5/26/55

14. Carefully reviewed the work of the staff: Executive Director, information services, state organizations, women's work, financial situation. 8/16-18/55

15. Accepted with regret the resignation, for lack of time to attend meetings, of McDowell Richards from the Executive Committee (not from the Board) at his request. (He had been elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.) 8/16-18/55

16. Discussed the possibility of an "Awards Program" to Southern communities for good behavior in meeting the Supreme Court Decision. 8/16-18/55

17. Reviewed Mrs. Grace Hamilton's report and suggestions. Authorized payment of $350 to her for preparing it. 8/16-18/55

18. Requested of the Fund for the Republic an increased allotment during the second grant period to provide for a training program for state staff and boards. 8/16-18/55

19. Approved hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. 8/16-18/55

20. Discussed SRC sponsorship of a possible Southern Legal Reporting Service; approved the idea and agreed to accept its sponsorship if it were offered to SRC. 8/16-18/55

21. Decided that once the budget had been set no reallocation of funds should take place without the approval of the Executive Committee. 8/16-18/55

22. Requested that at future Executive Committee meetings only members and the Executive Director be present; reserving power (of course) to invite other staff members to meeting for specific reports on their work. 8/16-18/55

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NOTES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28-29, 1955

A. RECOMMENDATION:

That the annual salary of Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, be increased from $3,000.00 to $4,000.00 retroactive to August 15, 1955. This would involve an additional payment of $130.00 for the fiscal year ended as September 30, 1955. The proposed budget for 1955-56 makes provisions for the increase.

B. NOMINATIONS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Staunton, Virginia (Ex-officio)

2. Mr. B. R. Brazeal, Atlanta, Georgia (State Organization)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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October 28-29, 1955

Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Rufus E. Clement, Chairman, presiding

AGENDA

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Executive Director

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Attacks on SRC

Program needs and means

Amendments to By-laws

Report on resignations from Board

Finance Committee of Board

Action if any for 1956 contributions by Executive Committee

Confirmation of secretary-treasurer and action on her salary

Executive Committee's nominations (2) to 1956 Nominating Committee

Budget for 1955-56

Other business

Adjournment

Executive Committee Meeting
October 28-29, 1955

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee were approved as corrected and submitted.

2. The Executive Committee approved two letters written by the President of SRC to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Atlanta and Washington offices inviting investigation of SRC. The letters were sent to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and to Mr. James L. McGovern, as a matter of record.

3. Mr. Wright is to confer with Mr. Fleming re/wisdom of getting together a letter from the Executive Committee to Attorney Cook inviting investigation of SRC. Mr. Fleming to be invited to attend Saturday Morning (October 29th) session of Executive Committee meeting.

4. It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee authorized the employment of a person to coordinate a state staff training program. It was noted that this constituted approval of a budget item. Also noted that a job description would be needed for the position.

5. It was recommended that future agendas have two final items at which (1) the Executive Director would also be excluded and the Committee could discuss anything desired in complete freedom and (2) the Executive Director would be called into meeting for discussion about the rest of the staff.

6. It was moved that a recommendation be made to the Board that Section 1, Article V, be amended by striking out the balance of the first sentence after the word "counsel." Thus the sentence would read: "The Council shall provide for an Executive Committee of not more than nine (9) members in addition to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and counsel."

7. It was the sense of the Committee that at the next meeting of the Executive Committee a procedural minute should be adopted providing for the attendance of staff persons at Executive Committee meetings.

8. It was moved that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors to insert the word "and" before the word "treasurer", and that the words "executive directors and assistant directors" shall be deleted from Article II, Section 3. Thus the sentence would read "The President, the vice-presidents, the counsel, and treasurer shall be ex-officio members."

9. It was moved that the resignation of Mr. Haas be accepted with regret, and that a testimonial for his services be prepared. Mr. Wright suggested that Mr. Fleming do the phrasing of the testimonial. Unanimously carried.

10. It was moved that the Executive Committee accepted with deep regret the resignation from the Executive Committee of Mr. Morris Abram; that it asks his reconsideration of resignation from the Board, but should he deem that the resignation should stand, that it, too, be accepted with regret. Unanimously carried.

11. It was agreed that the $100 pledges should not be asked for again in the same manner as they were requested this year, but that it should be presented to the Board as a whole and each individual should be asked to make any contribution he feels he can. Also suggested that a letter be written to Council members reminding them that while there are no set dues, it is hoped that each Board member will make whatever contribution he can and try to influence others to contribute.

12. It was recommended that the annual salary of ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Ruth Alexander be increased from $3,000 to $4,000, retroactive to August 15th, 1955. This would involve an additional payment of $130 for the fiscal year ended as September 30, 1955. The proposed budget of 1955 makes provision for the increase. Approved by the Executive Committee.

13. It was moved that a recommendation be made to the Board of Directors that Mrs. Alexander be confirmed as Secretary-Treasurer.

14. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Carroll Brooks and Mr. B. R. Brasseal be the nominees from the Executive Committee for membership on the Nominating Committee.

NOTE: FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEM ON AGENDA MOVED TO SATURDAY MORNING DISCUSSION.

Meeting to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., lasting to 11:30 a.m., Saturday morning.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

October 28th - 29th, 1955

The meeting was held in the Board Room of Atlanta University, Altanta, Georgia, with Mr. Clement, Chairman, presiding.
Present were: Mr. Clement, Mr. H. V. Richardson, Miss Josephine Wilkins, Mr. George Mitchell and, for a portion of one session, Mr. John Griffin.
Staff members who were present for all or a part of the meeting were: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Acting-Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Fleming, Assistant Director for Information, Fred Routh, Assistant Director for Liaison-State Organizations, and Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley served as Secretary.

The Committee met initially with no members of the staff present and for the greater part of its two-day meeting, acting in accordance with the arrangements undertaken at the preceding meeting, excluded most staff personnel.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected and submitted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Executive Director reviewed briefly the establishment of the twelve affiliated State Organizations. He said all but two (North Carolina and Kentucky) had met their local fund-raising quotas before the end of the fiscal year, and that Kentucky had since the end of the year met its quota. Within a short time two of the four states not having satisfactory arrangements for use of Associate Directors would have made such arrangements. Some account was given of leading program activities in each State Organization, and attention was given to Irene Osborne's carefully planned tour of the South. Reference was made to the distribution, to our State groups, of material on the prevention and control of race riots; to the statement to be made by the Virginia Council on Human Relations on public school desegregation; to the proposed employment of John Hope as program coordinator; and to the application made to a Foundation for funds for the program development project.

Staff changes in the central office were noted in the employment of G. S. Alexander as Administrative Assistant and Miss Florence Irving to help in the collection and use of materials. Also discussed were arrangements for the investment of proceeds from the second grant from the Fund for the Republic; the new U. S. Treasury inquiry in regard to the tax-exempt status of the Council; the promise to Mrs. Tilly that SRC funds (in limited amounts) might be used between now and January 1st, 1956, for the purposes of the Fellowship of the Concerned subject to reimbursement when and if special revenue becomes available; and to recent staff travel.

A review was made of the attacks on SRC by Roy Harris and Eugene Cook (Attorney-General of Georgia.) Mention was made to the availability of part of the Audit and the availability of the entire audit in the near future, and to the work of the nominating committee.

In reference to the financial prospects of the central office, it was stated that in order to meet the budget as proposed it would be necessary to raise, in addition to funds covenanted or clearly expectable, about $20,000.00

By luck this might be reduced to $15,500.00, but it would be wisest to count the gap in visible revenues at the higher figure.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Mrs. R. H. Alexander, Acting Secretary Treasurer, handed out a statement of the eighteen months of operation under the initial grant from the Fund for the Republic. She stated that the Central Office had been required to raise independently $40,000.00, and had in fact raised this in excess of $51,000.00. Financial status of the States as of September 30, '55, was exhibited, showing that all but two had met their quotas. She exhibited a list of those members of the Executive Committee and of the Board who had contributed under the $100.00 appeal, and said that the sum realized from the 24 contributors was within a dollar or two of $2,400.00.

Mr. Mitchell stated that this closing fiscal year was the first time in recent years in which the SRC had carried forward a credit balance, in this instance amounting to $3,000.00 in the bank, with less than $500.00 in outstanding bills against it.

After these reports the meeting adjourned for dinner, reconvening at 7:00 P.M.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD:

This was circulated in draft form, for alteration and approval by the Committee.

ATTACKS ON SRC:

Dr. Mitchell reviewed the various attacks made on SRC, and stated that the staff had thought it wisest to show diligence in circulating to our friends a true statement of SRC history and aims, rather than to enter lawsuits against the perpetrators of scandal. Mr. Clement and Mr. Wright agreed that to sue would call undue attention to the attacks, and that widespread dissemination of the truth would be our better course.

Mr. Wright reported on his visit that day to the Atlanta office of the FBI, where he had talked with Mr. James L. McGovern, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, stating that the Southern Regional Council would welcome an investigation by the FBI at any time. Letters to Mr. McGovern and to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the FBI, were read in draft, and approved by the Committee.

Mr. Clement emphasized the importance of having at hand a record of this sort. Miss Wilkins asked if it would not be well to invite Mr. Eugene Cook to investigate SRC. Mr. Clement called attention to a letter he had voluntarily written to Mr. Cook on October 21st, which contained the following paragraph:

"As Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council I want to assure you that an unbiased investigation of the Council would be welcomed, provided the results of the investigation would be published without restriction."

PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR USE IN SRC's DEFENSE:

A drafted statement was then made available to the Committee, with particular attention being called to the argument developed on page 7 re the usefulness to Communism of such attacks as that currently being made in Georgia, and after discussion of a possible additional paragraph the statement was given approval.

The statement as approved is here supplied in the minutes:

"Not only is this phony 'anti-communism' vicious; it offends the intelligence of every thinking person. The international communist movement has one, and only one, interest in our racial problems - that is, to exploit them throughout the world. Some two-thirds of the people of the earth are dark-skinned, and the communists are trying desperately to win them with the claim that our kind of democracy is available only to white persons. If there were no racial discrimination or segregation in this country, the communist movement in Asia and Africa would lack its most effective weapon.

A perfect example of this fact is the reaction of Soviet Russian officialdom to the Supreme Court decision. For days, the government-controlled Russian press made no mention whatever of the decision. When at last they could ignore it no longer, they announced defensively that the decision meant nothing - that it would never be implemented. This is precisely the argument that Attorney-General Cook and his fellow demagogs make so noisily. Unwittingly perhaps, but undeniably, they do a great service to the cause of communism every time they raise their voices on behalf of 'white supremacy'.

Individuals and organizations that work responsibly and conscientiously for the growth of democracy in the South and the Nation are the opponents that the communists really fear. Yet it is precisely these individuals and organizations that Mr. Cook and his kind seek to defame and discredit. What could please the communists more than to get the credit for every effort to make our American ideal a working, living reality? What could please them more than a campaign to arouse suspicion and hatred of those citizens who work intelligently for a more just, democratic, and Christian society? How they must delight in the irony of such Americans being stigmatized as servants and dupes of the communist cause!

No informed person believes that the communists want to see Negroes accorded equal rights and dignity or that they want to see our racial problems solved through the orderly processes of the law and constructive community action. The communists want to see us hopelessly bogged down in our prejudices and our fears. They want to see us defying the law of the land, whipping up racial hatred for political purposes. In this respect, they have a common purpose with Attorney-General Cook and his kind."

It was agreed that the statement should be circulated widely, and that it might ultimately be the basis of a printed pamphlet.

PROGRAM NEEDS AND MEANS:

Discussion turned to the proposals for program coordination, involving the proposed employment of an Assistant Director for this phase of the work. The need for such a position was reviewed, and the Executive Director said that two ideas were about; that such an official should either (1) work with the State organization people as to things to be done, or (2) give clear directives as to things to be done.

Mr. Wright said that doubtless the State organizations wished some guidance at this point, and that he thought this method preferable to writing and telling them what to do. If there were unlimited time, the first arrangement would work; in limited time, he believed each state wished guidance on things that are practical to do.

The Committee, on motion, authorized the employment of a person to coordinate a state staff training program. It was noted that this constituted approval of a budget item (though as it was intended to use for this activity unexpended balances from last year's State money, no actual addition was involved); and that a job description approvable by the Personnel Subcommittee would be needed.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENT PROPOSED:

The Executive Director referred to the purpose expressed at the last meeting of the Committee, to exclude staff personnel from its meetings, and said that this was in conflict with existing by-laws, which provided for membership in both the Board and the Executive Committee by the Executive Director and Assistant Directors. He recommended the deletion of membership for the Assistant Directors, pointing out that the Executive Committee had power to write its own rules of procedure, and could have in such staff persons as it might wish, at any time. The matter at issue was the presence of staff personnel during the discussion and formation of policy, it being felt by various members of the Committee that the Committee should have ample opportunity to make policy in the absence of staff.

Mr. Clement recommended that future meetings of the Executive Committee have a session from which the Executive Director and all other staff persons would be excluded, and a session at which any desired staff persons would be present.

After discussion, and upon motion, Section 1, Article 5, was amended to delete reference to the Executive Director and Assistant Directors, and Article 11, Section 3 was similarly amended, the Committee agreeing to recommend these changes to the forthcoming meeting of the Board (which alone has power to change the by-laws.)

RESIGNATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Director stated that since the last meeting Mr. Morris Abram had asked to be permitted to resign from the Executive Committee and the Board, on the grounds of press of private business; and Mr. Leonard Hass, who had served as Counsel to SRC and to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation for upwards of 25 years, also asked to be permitted to resign as Counsel.

The Committee, on motion, voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Hass, with expressions of deepest appreciation of his services, to be appropriately presented to Mr. Hass on behalf of the Council.

The Committee, on motion, voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Abram from the Executive Committee; that it ask reconsideration of his resignation from the Board, but that if he should deem that the resignation should stand, that it, too, be accepted with regret.

Mr. Ralph Barbare, of Rock Hill, S. C. having indicated that it might be

wise for him to withdraw from the Board, Mr. Mitchell reported that he had written Mr. Barbare that he, Mitchell, believed that the term on the Board which Mr. Barbare had served, from 1953-1955 was expiring, and that Mr. Barbare might, therefore, expect that his reelection would not be pressed.

As to Mr. Hass, Mr. Wright and Mr. John Griffin visited him November 8th, and he consented to serve as consel for a further period.

CONTRIBUTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS:

It was agreed that the $100.00 pledged would not again be asked for this year, but that the matter should be presented to the Board as a whole, and each member asked to make any contribution he feels he can. It was also suggested that a letter be written to each member of the Council, reminding him that while there are no set dues, it is hoped that each Board member will make whatever contribution he can, and try to influence others to contribute.

PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD TO CONFIRM SECRETARY-TREASURER:

It is the business of the Board, it was said, not the Executive Committee, to make permanent confirmation of a Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Director recommended to the Committee that they recommend to the Board confirmation of Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander as Secretary-Treasurer. She has been Acting Secretary-Treasurer, he said, since Miss Stoney's resignation (Miss Stoney left duty status July 18, 1955). The Executive Director recommended that Mrs. Alexander's salary be increased from the $3,000.00 which she enjoyed when serving as bookkeeper to $4,000.00 effective August 15, 1955. This would involve an additional payment of $130.00 for and in the fiscal year ended September 30, 1955. It was noted that the proposed budget for the year beginning October 1, 1955, made provision for this increase.

The Executive Committee undertook to recommend Mrs. Alexander's confirmation, and accepted the salary proposal as made.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE's NOMINATIONS TO THE 1956 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

It was pointed out that under the by-laws one of the three members of the next year's nominating committee elected by the Council must be an ex-officio member (which would give the State organizations representation.) By oversight, in the proceedings of this year's nominating committee, no ex-oficio person was selected. The Executive Director, therefore, recommended that the Executive Committee, in making its two choices for membership on the 1956 nominating committee choose two who would be ex-officio members, and accordingly the Committee named as its nominees for those positions Mr. W. Carroll Brooke and Mr. B. R. Brazeal, both ex-officio members.

The evening session then adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

The Committee reconvened at 9:30 A. M. October 29th.

A letter addressed to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, soliciting aid for a training program, was read and approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Wright reported that he had written to various Board members in the Upper South, attempting to arrange a meeting of them for service on a Regional Finance Committee, but without apparent success. He suggested that each State Chairman be written to, with the request that he select a person, possibly, but not necessarily, a Board member, for service of such an SRC finance committee. The Executive Director said that experience had shown that where State people helped with money-raising it was desirable to offer an arrangement under which half of the sum realized would reach the coffers of the State organization. After discussion, it was agreed that the staff should write out such letters, asking for the service of a suitable person from each State.

ATTACKS ON SRC:

Considerable discussion came on this item, part of it revolving around whether Mr. Cook, Georgia Attorney-General, had been adequately challenged to move against SRC under Georgia statutes, if he, Mr. Cook, felt that he had grounds.

Mr. Clement said that he wished it to be a matter of record that this organization was above board, and had nothing to hide.

Mr. Wright said that he thought Mr. Cook would take action if he thought he had grounds, whether he were invited to or not.

The statement "Attack on Free Opinion" was discussed, and it was agreed that Mr. Clement's letter to Mr. Cook would be sufficient action for the time being.

It was agreed that copies of the statement be put in the hands of leaders in opinion-formation, and in the hands of our State groups.

The statement was approved by the Executive Committee.

BUDGET FOR 1955-56:

Mr. G. S. Alexander, newly-engaged administrative assistant, read the proposed budget for the present fiscal year, showing a proposed expenditure of $93,080.00 with an estimated probable income of $64,900.00.

Mr. Clement asked that breakdown be supplied as to sums expected to be raised, and the Executive Director dictated the following as his estimate of income and outgo:

"Ordinarily raisable from churches, labor unions, etc. $23,500.00. Carry over from Duke and Field Foundation - $13,000.00. Expected from John Hay Whitney Fund - $4,000.00. On hand from the Fund for the Republic - $25,000.00. Cash balance carried over into this fiscal year - $2,500.00. Grand total of $68,000.00. Possibly available from carry-over of state money $5,500.00. The figures which the Executive Director gave, give an income yield of $15,500.00 less than the $93,080.00 proposed budget."

Miss Wilkins suggested that as the Council might anticipate extra difficulty in fund-raising in the final year of aid from the Fund for the Republic (1956-57) it would be desirable to raise in this year not 15 or 20,000 but a sum

on the order of 100,000, and it was agreed that this would be desirable, and that the new Finance Committee should concern itself forthwith with a two-year financing program

The Committee approved the expenditure budget as submitted, subject to review at each quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee; and stated that the budget should be presented to the Board November 9th, as a complete budget, with income figures as well as outgo figures.

The Executive Director reminded the Committee that under the instructions given by the Mammoth Cave meeting no expenditure not in accordance with an approved budget could be agreed to by the staff; so that with approval the Committee had something to hold the staff to. He said further that there was available a sum of something like $13,000.00 from unexpended State balances of last year, and that this was to be used for the training program, which accordingly had not be included as an expenditure item in the budget as just approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD:

The report was approved as drafted, with changes in items 5 and 22, (which changes are shown in the version of the Report carried in the minutes of the Board meeting of November 9th, 1955).

FURTHER ON ATTACKS:

Mr. Clement suggested that as the Hearst newspapers and Fulton Lewis, Jr., a radio commentator, were cooperating in attacks on the Fund for the Republic, that some monitoring of Mr. Lewis' broadcasts be undertaken. If Mr. Lewis makes unwarranted charges against SRC, equal time should be requested to reply to the charges.

Mr. Wright mentioned a letter that he had written a couple of months back to Mr. Hutchins, stating that SRC was not anxious to increase the difficulties of the Fund, and asking for an expression from Mr. Hutchins re SRC's requirement of certificates of loyalty from its principal personnel, and that SRC would be governed by any ideas Mr. Hutchins might have.

Some discussion ensued of the matter of loyalty certificates, in the course of which the Executive Director stated his view that in no wise as a matter of right, but simply as a matter of coordination, it would be well if the President conferred with staff persons prior to writing letters to major contributors. Others present made abundantly clear the privilege of the President to write to other parties, in his responsibility as President, with or without consultation with staff.

The meeting then adjourned at 12 noon.

Open, Clem Mtg
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November 4, 1955

Mrs. Cassandra Maxwell Birnie
864 Hunter Street, S. W.
Room E
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Birnie:

We kept hoping for you at the meeting, and missed you at each postponement of your coming. I hope you will have better luck with the court schedule next time.

I called Mrs. Spearman's office today and left word about Orangeburg. They are already looking into it, but I don't doubt that they will be speeded by your letter. I will let you know what they consider doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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CASSANDRA E. MAXWELL
ATTORNEY AT LAW
864 HUNTER ST., S. W.
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 3, 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I regret that I was not able to attend the Executive Committee meeting on this past week end. I had hoped at that time to discuss with you the Orangeburg, South Carolina problem.

You no doubt are aware of the fact that there is a terrific amount of interracial friction in Orangeburg that has come about as result of several Negro citizens signing a petition to have the schools there integrated. This petition was and is an initial step on the part of the local NAACP to follow up the decision of the United States Supreme Court. A white citizens council has been organized; economic pressure has been brought on those Negroes who happen to be vulnerable to this sought of thing; Negroes have retaliated by boycotting many of the white store owners who have joined the citizens council.

The situation has reached an impasse in my opinion. The white citizens appear to have a desire at this time to quell this disturbance, if one can believe what they read in the local editorial. I am confident that the Negroes also would like to quiet the situation, not however, by giving up their plans for following through on their petition. At any rate, the situation is such that in my opinion, the Southern Regional Council would be just the organization to go into that town and State and constitute the much needed meeting ground or bargaining center somewhere between the NAACP and the Citizens Council for right action.

I think this would be a very effective job for the South Carolina division with the cooperation of the regional office.

I trust that you will give this matter every consideration.

Very truly yours,

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

Cassandra Maxwell Birnie

CMB/eam

Ex. Com.
SRC. Bd.

November 16, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Morris:

You wrote me on September 20, 1955 that you would like to resign from the Executive Committee and the Board of SRC.

The Executive Committee met on October 28-29, 1955. They accepted your resignation from the Executive Committee with expressions of great regret; and urged that you reconsider your resignation from the Board. Such was their respect for your judgement however, that they stated that after reconsideration if you wish your resignation from the Board to stand that it, too, will be accepted with regret.

I transmit this action of the Executive Committee to you and add my own cordial urging that you stay on the Board. We need and deeply value your advice. The Board only meets once a year and should not burden your time.

All of us are deeply grateful for the unstinted response that you have made through the last several years to our many calls for your wisdom.

Appreciately,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.

GSM:rh
cc: Marion Wright.

BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE WITH ANNUAL MEETING
OF 1955

Abram, Morris B.	Atlanta, Ga.
Coker, James L.	Hartsville, S. C.
Christopher, Paul R.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Clement, A. J.	Charleston, S. C.
Davidson, Herbert M.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Duncan, O. D.	Stillwater, Okla.
Friedman, S. Thos.	Houston, Texas
Gomillion, C. G.	Tuskegee Inst. Ala.
Griffin, John A.	Atlanta, Ga.
Johnson, Chas. S.	Nashville, Tenn.
Lanier, R. O'H	Houston, Texas
Mantinband, Chas.	Hattiesburg, Miss.
McDowell, E. A.	Wake Forest, N. C.
Milner, Clyde	Guilford College, N. C.
Parrish, Charles	Louisville, Ky.
Penick, Bishop E. A.	Raleigh, N. C.
Raysor, Mrs. J.B.	Houston, Texas
Richards, J. M.	Decatur, Ga.
Shean, Fr. Maurice	Rock Hill, S. C.
Smith, J. Edwin	Houston, Texas
Spearman, Mrs. E.H.	Columbia, S. C.
Sytz, Florence	New Orleans, La.
Tillman, Mrs. J.F.	Lewisburg, Tenn.
Thomas, Judge L.E.	Miami, Fla.
Turnipseed, Rev. A	Montgomery, Ala.

BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE WITH ANNUAL MEETING OF 1957

Atwood, R. B.	Frankfort, Ky.
Barbare, Ralph	Rock Hill, S. C.
Bates, Mrs. W. F.	Little Rock, Ark.
Birnie, Mrs. C.M.	Atlanta, Ga.
Bond, U. S.	Madison, Ark.
Clement, R. D.	Atlanta, Ga.
Clingman, Bishop	Louisville, Ky.
Hamilton, Mrs. G.T.	Atlanta, Ga.
Johnson, G. B	Chapel Hill, N. C.
Looby, Z. A.	Nashville, Tenn.
Mays, B. E.	Atlanta, Ga.
McCann, John	New Orleans La
Milton, L. D.	Atlanta, Ga.
Moron, A. G.	Hampton Inst., Va.
Palmer, E. W.	Kingsport, Tenn.
Reddix, J. L.	Jackson, Miss.
Richardson, H. V.	Atlanta, Ga.
Robinson, Mrs. E.U.	Gallatin, Tenn.
Shaw, Charles	Houston, Texas
Stroud, Mrs. Tommy	Waco, Texas
Weiss, Morton	Atlanta, Ga.
Wheeler, John H.	Durham, N. C.
Wilkins, Josephine	Athens, Ga. (New York)
Williams, Paul D.	Richmond, Va.
Young, Thos. W.	Norfolk, Va.

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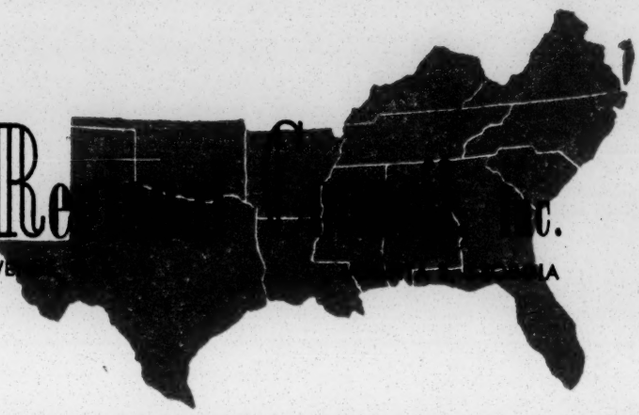

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 3, 1956

RHA:

Please take action correcting the Minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, '56 on page 7 to accord with the correction made early in the meeting of April 20-21, '56, which change deleted the language on page 7 of the January Minutes ("A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained.").

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L. E. CAMPBELL AND COMPANY
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DANIEL E. HARRISON
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT
AMHERST 3814

Emory University, Georgia
January 31, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with Comments, are shown below:

Exhibit A - Balance Sheet, December 31, 1954
Exhibit B - Statement of Income and Expenses - Operating Fund, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Exhibit C - Statement of Income and Expenses - State Organizations, June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Exhibit D - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Central Office, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954
Schedule 1 - Bank Reconciliation Statements - First National Bank and Citizens Trust Company
Schedule 2 - Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Literature
Schedule 3 - Accounts Payable
Schedule 4 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Fellowship of the Concerned, January 1 to December 31, 1951
Schedule 5 - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Commission on Equal Penalties, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1954
Schedule 6 - Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements - State Divisions, January 1 to December 31, 1954

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $6,435.78
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $4,710.19

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at December 31, 1954 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - $180,000.00

Savings certificates in the amount of $60,000. were counted. Savings accounts amounting to $120,000. were confirmed by depository banks.

Accounts Receivable - $259.69

This account represents sales of literature. As of January 15, 1955, $183.37 had been collected. The balance is considered good.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $1,144.60

This represents income taxes withheld and social security taxes for December, 1954.

Accounts Payable - $502.47

This amount is for current operating expenses incurred during December. Invoices were examined.

Due to Special Projects - $1,797.06

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects indicated. It is expected that the amount due to State Divisions will be cleared out soon.

Advance Appropriations - $169,700.00

The advance from the Fund for the Republic covers the next nine months of operation. The Doris Duke Foundation grant was made specifically for an Information Services project for 1955.

Expenses shown in Exhibit C cover six state organizations set up with employed staff and two in the process of organization.

Schedule 6 shows an analysis by states of receipts and disbursements under the old plan whereby the Council shared with the state divisions in members dues. This plan is now being eliminated.

Respectfully,

L. E. Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Regular (Sch.1)	$ 6,435.78	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects (Sch.1)	4,710.19	
Savings Accounts	180,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	259.69	
Inventory - Pamphlets	500.00	
Total Assets		$ 191,905.66

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 2)		$ 502.47	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,144.60	
Due to Special Projects			
Commission on Equal Penalties	341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	1370.99	1,712.06	
Due to State Divisions		85.00	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic -	$159,700.00		
Doris Duke Foundation -	10,000.00	169,700.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 173,144.13
Surplus, December 31, 1954			$ 18,761.53
			$ 191,905.66

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

INCOME

Contributions:			
Church Sources:			
Methodist:			
Woman's Division of Christian Service		$ 1,200.00	
Division of National Missions		250.00	
Board of Education		300.00	
Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the South		154.00	$ 1,904.00
Presbyterian Church, U.S.:			
Board of Church Extension			200.00
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.:			
Board of National Missions			250.00
Episcopal:			
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church		$ 1,000.00	
Woman's Auxiliary, Diocese of Florida		15.00	1,015.00
Miscellaneous			20.00
Total Church Contributions			$ 3,389.00
Labor Organizations:			
United Auto Workers of America - CIO		$ 1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America - CIO		1,000.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations		1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers- CIO		200.00	
American Federation of Labor		1,000.00	
International Ladies Garment Workers' Union- A.F.L.		500.00	
Total Labor Organizations			4,700.00
Foundation Sources:			
Ford Foundation	$ 5,000.00		
Sidney Hillman Foundation	1,500.00		
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00		
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00		
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00		
Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund	250.00		
Samuel and Augusta Rosenwald Foundation	200.00		
Miscellaneous	10.00		
Total Foundation Sources			7,860.00

Organization Sources:		
United Jewish Appeal, (S.C.)	$75.00	
North Carolina Teachers Association	50.00	
Miscellaneous	23.26	
Total Organization Sources		$ 148.26
Members Dues		1,882.50
Honoraria		1,085.63
Sales of Miscellaneous Literature		4,026.44
New South Subscriptions		712.38
Interest income		33.33
Contributions from Individuals		1,620.04
From Fund for the Republic Grant		40,600.00
Transfer from Special Project		958.30
Total Income		$ 67,015.88

Expenses - Operating Fund
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

	Paid	Due Dec. 31	Total
Salaries, Central Office	$ 41,785.57		$ 41,785.57
Travel	6,260.26	7.12	6,267.38
Printing	6,087.73	208.78	6,296.51
Rent	1,335.00		1,335.00
Telephone & Telegraph	1,425.56	176.00	1,601.56
Postage	718.43		718.43
Books & subscriptions	248.69	15.00	263.69
Accounting Fees	185.00		185.00
Insurance	774.59		774.59
Office Supplies	1,425.24	95.57	1,520.81
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88		1,473.88
Williamsburg Conference	2,828.34		2,828.34
Interest	.62		.62
O.A.B. Taxes	489.91	63.12	553.03
Bank Exchange	5.80		5.80
Georgia Sales Tax	17.06		17.06
Office Equipment	666.10		666.10
Office Alterations	1,680.24		1,680.24
Consultants' Fees	1,382.10		1,382.10
Miscellaneous Expense	369.64		369.64
Totals	$ 69,159.76	$ 565.59	$ 69,725.35

Total Income - 1954	$ 67,015.88
Total Expense - 1954	69,725.35
Excess of Expense over Income	$ 2,709.47

EXHIBIT B
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations
June 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

INCOME

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic	$ 39,700.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	250.00
Total Income	$ 39,950.00

DISBURSEMENTS

	Salaries	Local expenses	Total
Alabama	$1,422.71	$ 500.00	$ 1,922.71
Georgia	3,645.82	600.00	4,245.82
Kentucky		500.00	500.00
Louisiana	3,416.63	600.00	4,016.63
North Carolina	1,500.00	1,100.00	2,600.00
South Carolina	1,249.98		1,249.98
Tennessee		107.46	107.46
Texas	1,041.65	650.00	1,691.65
	12,276.79	4,057.46	16,334.25
O.A.B. Taxes			141.70
			$ 16,475.95

Total Receipts	$ 39,950.00
Total Disbursements	16,475.95
Surplus	$ 23,474.05

EXHIBIT C

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Reeeipts and Disbursements - Central Office
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 260.98
Church Sources (Exhibit B)	$ 3,389.00	
Labor Sources (Exhibit B)	4,700.00	
Foundation Sources (Exhibit B)	7,860.00	
Organization Sources (Exhibit B)	148.26	
Individuals (Exhibit B)	1,620.04	
Members Dues	1,882.50	
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	3,766.75	
New South Subscriptions	712.38	
Honoraria	1,085.63	
Interest Income	33.33	
Contribution from Foundation (for 1955)	10,000.00	
Fund for the Republic	81,200.00	
Transfer from Special Project	958.30	
Accounts Receivable - Sale of literature	718.45	
State Divisions	653.50	
Bank Loan	990.00	
Old checks - stopped payment	5.50	
Total Receipts		119,723.64
		$ 119,984.62

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries paid	$ 42,619.20	
Rent	1,335.00	
Travel	6,260.26	
Telephone & Telegraph	1,425.56	
Postage	718.43	
Books & Magazine subscriptions	248.69	
Accounting Fees	185.00	
Insurance	774.59	
Office Supplies	1,425.24	
Interest expense	.62	
O.A.B. Taxes	520.10	
Withholding Taxes (Dec. 1953)	219.10	
Georgia Sales Tax	17.06	
Bank charges	5.80	
1953 Accounts Payable	999.16	
Bank Loan	990.00	
Williamsburg Conference	2,828.34	
Consultants' Fees and Honoraria	1,382.10	
Office Equipment	666.10	
Office Alteration	1,680.24	
Annual Meeting Expense	1,473.88	
Paid to State Divisions	817.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	369.64	
Printing	6,587.73	
Total Disbursements		$ 73,548.84

Total Receipts:	$ 119,984.62
Total Disbursements	73,548.84
Balance, Dec. 31, 1954	$ 46,435.78

Represented by:

First National Bank, checking account	$ 6,435.78
C. & S. Nat. Bank, savings account	40,000.00
	$ 46,435.78

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Bank Reconciliation Statement - First National Bank
December 31, 1954

Balance, per bank statement		$ 8,254.37
Less Checks outstanding:		
Number	Amount	
6404	$ 1.50	
6436	1.00	
6438	50.93	
6460	362.87	
6461	236.33	
6462	141.76	
6463	71.77	
6465	171.43	
6466	99.80	
6467	104.80	
6468	220.92	
6469	20.58	
6470	278.93	
6471	55.97	1,818.59
Balance, per books, December 31, 1954		$ 6,435.78

Bank Reconciliation Statement - Citizens Trust Co.
December 31, 1954

Balance, per bank statement		$ 6,490.05
Less outstanding checks:		
Number	Amount	
1591	$ 172.26	
1627	172.26	
1628	84.80	
1629	181.43	
1630	93.19	
1631	224.10	
1633	177.26	
1634	84.80	
1635	177.26	
1636	208.33	
1638	204.17	1,779.86
Balance, per books, December 31, 1954		$ 4,710.19

Schedule 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
December 31, 1954

American Heritage Project, N. C. Library Commission	$ 7.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	2.50
Mr. J.C. Evans, Civilian Ass't. Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense	2.50
The American Jewish Committee	5.20
Campus Book Store, University of Kentucky	7.30
Urban League of Portland, Oregon	7.86
Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College	15.64
Mrs. T. R. Gooding, Miami, Florida	1.87
Mr. W. W. Law, Savannah, Ga., NAACP	14.00
National Education Association of the U.S.	62.37
Rev. C. Anderson Davis, Bluefield, W. Va.	4.20
Mrs. Earl D. Cotton, Arkansas Council of Church Women	15.75
Virginia Council of Churches	111.50
Dr. P. W. Hill, Clarksdale, Miss.	1.00
	$ 259.69

Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
December 31, 1954

Vendor	Amount
Stein Printing Co.	$ 208.78
Southern Bell Tel. Co.	164.82
Western Union Tel. Co.	11.18
Elliott Addressing Co.	33.80
Ceco Stationery Co.	9.51
Office Supply Co.	30.88
Kee Lox Mfg. Co.	14.42
Mimeograph Co.	6.96
Burrell Press Clipping Co.	15.00
Mrs. M.E. Tilly, travel	7.12
	$ 502.47

Distribution:

Printing	$ 208.78
Office Supplies	95.57
Books & sub.	15.00
Travel	7.12
Telephone & Telegraph	176.00
	$ 502.47

Schedule 3

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Special Projects

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 561.20	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00	
Total Receipts		$ 1,561.20
Disbursements		
Salary and stenographic assistance	187.38	
Postage and supplies	2.83	
Total Disbursements		190.21
Balance, December 31, 1954		$ 1,370.99

Schedule 4

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 3,815.93	
Individual Contribution	25.00	
Interest earned	20.22	
Travel refund	3.47	
Total Receipts		$ 3,864.62
Disbursements		
Travel	$ 1,794.64	
Salaries and subsistance - field staff	1,250.68	
Supplies	38.38	
Telephone	83.45	
Statistical report	317.95	
Miscellaneous	38.45	
Total disbursements		3,523.55
Balance, December 31, 1954		$ 341.07

Schedule 5

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements

State Divisions

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

	Balance 1/1/54	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/54
Tennessee		6.00		6.00
Alabama	$ 10.50	$159.50	$169.00	$ 1.00
Arkansas	4.50	20.00	16.50	8.00
Florida	10.50	109.50	90.50	29.50
Kentucky	1.50	55.50	54.00	3.00
Louisiana	1.50	12.50	8.00	6.00
Mississippi	9.50	95.50	96.00	9.00
North Carolina	10.00	96.50	106.50	-
South Carolina	10.50	98.50	86.50	22.50
Totals	$ 58.50	$653.50	$ 627.00	$ 85.00

Schedule 6

FILE COPY

AMOUNTS RAISED BY STATE ORGANIZATIONS AS REPORTED TO CENTRAL OFFICE

This report covers period through Dec. 31, 1954

	Contributions	Memberships	New South subscriptions sent in to C.O.
Alabama		$ 4.50	
Georgia	$ 855.42	565.00	92
Kentucky		64.00	
Louisiana	25.00	77.75	8
North Carolina	35.00	33.00	7
South Carolina		51.00	
Texas		5.00	
Arkansas			11
Totals	$ 915.42	$ 790.25	118

The above information is taken from monthly reports sent to the Central Office by the staff of the State Organizations.

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Vinson
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Gordon
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FEB 24 1955

February 22, 1955

Mr. Morris B. Abram, Attorney
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I believe that it was left up to you and me to try to persuade certain persons to act as members of a finance committee. My last conversation with George Mitchell, as well as what transpired at the meeting of the Executive Committee, leaves me under the impression that it would be wise for members of the finance committee to come from our Board of Directors.

Won't you please get with George, agree upon the number and names of those who should constitute the committee? If you will do that and advise me of the result, I should be glad to write each of those persons a letter urging that he act in that capacity.

I think we may have unconsciously exaggerated the difficulty of securing members of the committee. I can say that we might have difficulty in securing a treasurer, but I am disposed to think that if membership on the committee could be approached as membership upon any other committee, we might be surprised at the acceptances.

With thanks and kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Wright

MAW:sgd

cc Mr. George S. Mitchell

KS To QSM.

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REPORT ON AMOUNT RAISED BY STATE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY, 1955

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ALABAMA

(Began October)		
October-November	$ 4.50	
December	--	
January	29.00	
February (no report rec'd)		
Total		$ 33.50

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GEORGIA (Began June)

June	$ 184.00	
July	175.00	
August	41.00	
September	47.00	
October	889.42	
November	251.00	
December	423.00	
January	159.00	
Eeburary	592.00	
Total		$ 2761.42

Kentucky

December	$ 64.00	
January	12.00	
February (No report rec'd)		
Total		76.00

LOUISIANA (Began in June)

June	--	
July	--	
August	21.00	
September	42.00	
October	7.75	
November	27.00	
December	5.00	
January	286.00	
February	386.00	
Total		774.75

Mississippi (Began in Feb.)

February	$ 128.00	
Total		$ 128.00

NORTH CAROLINA (Began October)

October & November	$ 10.00	
December	58.00	
January	110.00	
February	25.00	
Total		$ 203.00

SOUTH CAROLINA (Began October)

October	--	
November	~~00~~	
December	51.00	
January	48.50	
February (No report Rec'd)		
Total		99.50

TEXAS (Began ~~October~~ November)

November	--	
December	5.00	
January	5.00	
February	---	
		$ 10.00

(NOTE: In the case of Texas, Mrs. Lombard the secretary in the office, says that all dues are mailed to Mrs. Jud the treasurer and handled by her. Hence, we have no record of amounts paid in. I have tried to get them to let the office handle this but without success. No replies to any of my letters to Mrs. Crate.)

Total Amount raised by all states through Feb. $ 4,086.17
(This according to reports I have received)

FILE COPY

March 4, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Here's a copy of a letter I sent Marion Wright.

Will you please be responsible for preparing decision by the subcommittee that has bothered about a Treasurer as to whether Morton Weiss will be a suitable Treasurer. I know him slightly and like him very much. And he ought to be helpful and influential. (Still it should not be my decision; the Executive Committee should be advised by the subcommittee.)

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.
Encl.

March 11, 1955

Mrs. Paul Hodges
2615 Essex Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Lillian:

Many thanks!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

March 11, 1955

Mr. Walter G. Paschall
899 Briarcliff Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Paschall:

Correspondence with friends in Nashville elicits the information that the correct and adequate address for Mr. Walter Sharp is Cheekwood, Nashville, Tennessee.

If you haven't already written him that we are good eggs, I hopeyou will

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE 5, TENNESSEE

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS
AND UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

March 7, 1955

MAR 9 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

A workable mailing address for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharp is simply Cheekwood, Nashville, Tennessee. This seemed a little too simple to me, but I understand that the Chancellor's letters to Mr. Sharp go to that address, so it must be correct. I always go to the top for my information (the top's secretary, that is). I've never met Mrs. Sharp, though I have met Mr. Sharp briefly. They and the Cheeks and I don't run in the same circles any more. Jim has married for the fourth time and is living in North Carolina.

It is a pleasure to give you the information about the Sharps. If I can ever do anything else for you please be sure to write me.

Sincerely,

Lilian

Lilian F. Hodges

Genaral Counsel

FILE COPY

March 4th

MEMO TO GSM

March 2nd, Morris Abram told me to talk with Walter Paschall, with a view to having him write to Walter Sharp in Nashville about putting up some money for SRC. Morris recalled that Walter Sharp is husband to Hulda Cheek who inherits Maxwell House Coffee.

I went to see Walter Paschall. Paschall had been a part of Sharp's wedding. They remained good friends, though they saw each other seldom. Paschall recalled that Morris and Jane Abram, at one of their army camp experiences, had been quartered near Hulda Cheek. He also recalled that the Cheeks, some years back, built a two million dollar mansion, but when they got it all through the roof leaked, and it still does.

Paschall said that he would be glad to write to Walter Sharp and say that the SRC is a good bunch, and that he, Paschall, heard that before so long somebody from the Council would be asking Sharp to put up some money for SRC.

My notes also say that Morris Abram knows that old Edwin Mims is a close friend of Mrs. Sharp.

GSM

FILE COPY

March 11, 1955

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I have known only three or four people in my lifetime whose balance of judgment, delicacy of taste, and deftness of statement, made every piece of writing admirable. The man Allan Barth who writes editorials, or did, for the Washington Post was one. We used, in the government, to be able to call him with the sketchiest statement of facts. The next morning there would be an editorial neatly knocking in every nail big and small.

So, thanks for your two letters to Mr. Levin and to Mr. Heller.

// see agreement file

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 15, 1955

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Mr. Thomas Byrd
Burnsville,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Byrd:

You were going to be so kind as to send me a list of some Texas or other Southwestern people (including if available Louisiana and Western Tennessee, and perhaps Arkansas), who might be responsive to telephone calls from Harry Ashmore, or (for the more easterly areas) Hodding Carter.

It will help me a lot if you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FILE COPY

March 22, 1955

Dictated March 21

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I had a very nice time indeed with the AJC Chapter in Chicago and Milwaukee. The Chicago group met for lunch at the Standard Club. Of some thirty-odd members present, perhaps twenty were there particularly because they were members of the Chapter's Committee on Education. The Chairman, Mr. Levin sat by me during the luncheon and for some of the talking, but had to excuse himself for another engagement before the meeting was quite over. I thought the little talk went well, and the questions revealed informed interest from the group. Gus Falk, the Secretary, handed me the Chapter's check for $100 as honorarium on the way up to the Milwaukee meeting, and he took on the job of an equerry and got me to Milwaukee, saw me into my hotel room, and steered me about for the whole evening.

We had a small dinner party before the meeting in Milwaukee at the new and beautiful Jewish Center. Happily it has a link with the community, and is open both to rich and poor and is in busy use. It was a joy to see the teenagers playing ping pong or batting hand balls, and their parents and grandparents engaged at supper, all in the same handsome building.

The Chapter complained of many conflicts for the night I was there, but mustered a good thirty people in the hospitable home of a member and his wife. Same speechlet all over again. Again good questions.

As I have told you, I always feel perfectly at home with AJC's Chapter people. And being comfortable I had a good time. We all stayed away from SRC's money needs, but I am satisfied that Mr. Levin's kind letter to you of March 16th will bear fruit, and I wouldn't at all be surprised if the Milwaukee Chapter took some occasion to be helpful also.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FILE COPY

March 24, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls,
North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We ought to move on matters of a finance committee, or committees.

The next move is up to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

March 28, 1955

MAR 30 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

My profound apologies for not having acted sooner upon your letter of March 3 with reference to the Finance Committee. The facts are that, in the interim, I have made trips to New Orleans, Columbia, and Washington. Also, the young lady who does my writing has been bogged down with work for her regular employer in addition to turning out fifty "must" letters in connection with the annual Red Cross drive.

I see no possibility of early dispatch of letters to prospective members. Won't you, therefore, please write letters to persons of your selection, sign my name and get them off?

Frankly, I am not sure on a number of points and, hence, would hardly know how to write. How many members should we have on the Atlanta Board? How many on the Southwest? How many on the upper South? What would be the dividing line or lines between those areas?

Unless you have answers to the questions, I would feel that a board of five members from each of the areas would be about right.

I believe that it would be fair to divide between the central office and the state organization on a 50-50 basis whatever we raise within that state from individuals or corporations. I would be a little disposed to think that we should retain all of the amount coming from foundations within the state

upon the theory that such foundations would normally contribute to the central organization rather than to the state. I could be talked out of this position very easily if the state people objected.

It seems to me that the matter should be concluded by your proposing a division along the line suggested to each of the state organizations and securing their approval in advance of general solicitation of funds. I apprehend that it may be easier to secure agreement in advance than after the funds are in hand.

There are many other matters about which I will try to write you fully as soon as my stenographic situation takes an upward curve.

Best regards,

M. A. Wright

M. A. Wright

MAW:sgd

FILE COPY

April 12, 1955

Mr. George E. Goodwin
930 Dean Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

I am substituting in the letter for our Council President, Marion Wright, who would scribe it himself were he not aloft on a mountaintop in North Carolina.

We want you to consider being some part of a Finance Committee for the Southern Regional Council.

Morton Weiss, out at Montags, has agreed to serve as Treasurer of SRC. He will be present at a meeting here, Tuesday afternoon, May 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. -- SRC's office at 63 Auburn Avenue. I have asked nine Board member of SRC, who happen to live in Atlanta and who would be interested in this matter, to meet with it. Also Ed Vinson who isn't on the Board, but who has agreed to serve. Also George Goodwin who isn't on the Board, but whom we asked to serve.

The problem is nothing severe this year. In order to obtain next year's grant from the Fund for the Republic we have to show that we have raised, before September 30, 1955, $40,000. We have already raised $37,500 of it, and the rest will come. We need a few more thousand to patch up the Budget for this year, but we are not on the rack. However, between this coming October and the one in 1956, we have to put together $55,000, which is going to strain us.

Truth is this show deserves and should get a good deal more actual Southern support than it has ever had in the past.

The others whom I am asking in for the first meeting May 3rd are Morris Abram, Rufus Clement, Leonard Haas, Philip Hammer, Mr. Mays, Mr. Milton, Mr. Richards, Morton Weiss, and Miss Josephine Wilkins, besides yourself and Ed Vinson.

We intend to set up a Finance Committee that reaches all over the South, but we want some advice first out of our near friends in Atlanta.

Appreciate it a lot if you will come May 3rd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . . . EAB . . . . . .

An original of this letter to:

Rufus E. Clement
Leonard Haas
Philip Hammer
Benjamin Mays
L. D. Milton
J. M. Richards
Josephine Wilkins
Edward Vinson
Morris Abram
~~[illegible]~~ George Goodman
Morlan Lewis

April 12, 1955

FILE COPY

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I am authorized by Marion Wright to ask you to be part of an Atlanta area Finance Committee for SRC.

The new Treasurer of the Council, Mr. Morton Weiss, has agreed to meet here at our office at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3rd, with eight or ten Atlanta friends of SRC to make plans for the later work of a Finance Committee for the South as a whole.

I do hope you will come to the meeting May 3rd. We will try to make it brief.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS.

FILE COPY

April 12, 1955

Mr. Morton Weiss
Montag Paper Company
245 North Highland Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Weiss:

This confirms our arrangement the other day for a meeting preparatory toward a full Finance Committee. This first meeting to be here at SRC's office at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3rd.

I hope we can finish our business in an hour.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: KS

FILE COPY

April 12, 1955

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We have got a Finance Committee meeting May 3rd. If whatever you are doing toward a list of Louisianians who might be called by Ashmore and Hodding Carter could be completed and in by then, it would be helpful. Not absolutely essential, but just helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FILE COPY

April 12, 1955

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Four or five days ago I went out to the Montag Paper factory and talked with Morton Weiss, who had promised Morris that he, Weiss, would become our Treasurer. Weiss was most courteous to me and we had a helpful talk about the future finances of the Council.

He agreed to come to a preliminary planning meeting toward a full Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 3:30 in this office; himself, and the people listed in my letter to you of March 3rd as suitable for an Atlanta committee. Over my signature, but as authorized by you, I asked each of those Atlanta persons to come to the Atlanta meeting.

Object will be to talk about the best way to set up a Finance Committee for all over the South. Happily, I have been able to Weiss and one or two others that so far as the current fiscal year goes (up until September 30, 1955) we have no racking problems. We are required by the Fund for the Republic to raise $40,000. We have already raised $37,500 and will get the rest. We are four or five thousand dollars short of enough to see the central office through its predicted expenditures to September 30, but I think we will get that. So that the problem now is to plan for drawing in the $55,000 next fiscal year, and the $65,000 the year after.

If circumstances will let you come down for the May 3rd meeting, it would be helpful to have you here. But it is not so needful that I feel justified in asking you to strain things greatly at "Top Knot" in order to come. But, if without great strain, you can be here, do please come.

This is the only step I have taken on the Finance Committee matter, except that I have got our people in Louisiana and Texas making up lists of suitable names for Ashmore and Carter to be in touch with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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APR 15 1954
Southern Regional Council

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

April 13, 1954

Dear George:

Some ideas for your consideration:

1. Would it not be well to collect and preserve all editorial comment on the Fund for the Republic grant? At some time in the distant future we might like to show to the Ford people the reaction of the southern press. I think it would be pleasing to them to know--if it is the fact--that the responsible press of the South applauds their action. As a starter, I enclose an editorial from today's Asheville Citizen.

2. I have not heard you fully upon the point but believe that you have the hope that at the end of three years certain southern states may be induced to set up as a state agency a body empowered to deal with inter-racial problems. I think I have understood you to say that certain northern and western states already have such agencies. If I am correct in both of these assumptions, my suggestion is that Anna Holden be put at once on the job of finding out what states maintain such agencies, for how long they have been maintained, at what cost, with what result, etc., etc. Then, say about six months from now New South might carry an article based upon the results of her research. Three or four times during the three-year period we might bring that article down to current date.

If we are to try to get southern states to establish such agencies, the idea should not be advanced out of a clear sky at the end of the three-year period. The land should be fertilized and cultivated well in advance of any approach to governers or legislators.

3. I was delighted to see that her library article was supplemented in the current New South. If information as to additional libraries which have altered their practices should come to hand, I should like to see immediate publicity to that fact given in New South. The technique in the case of the Negro policemen was so successful and so eminently wise that I think that we should adopt it in the case of libraries. No doubt you intend to do this.

4. We have to undergo a complete change in our thinking of the Council. Overnight we have moved from pauperism into the status of a corporation having actual current assets of a quarter of a million and potential assets of a half million. There are not too many corporations in the South which occupy that position. I am greatly concerned that we use the wisest possible judgment in the handling of this new, although temporary, wealth. We should have the best business advice possible to obtain.

I think that any responsible business corporation handling that amount of money would have a finance committee which would not function in a proforma, perfunctory or amateurish manner. Such committee would meet at least once a week and consider all questions of a fiscal nature.

We have heretofore had finance committees which operated sporadically. We now need a committee of three, of which Leonard Haas should be one, to give you exactly the kind of advice which would be received by a bank president from the finance committee of his bank.

If there are two business men in Atlanta, having wide experience in such matters who would be willing to serve with Mr. Haas, I think they should be chosen. I would not limit the choice to members of the Council since they would be acting in an expert capacity. I would have in mind a man of the type who would be an executive in the Coca Cola Company or Rich's Department Store. While compensation would not be a consideration with men of that type, I think that we should offer them five or ten dollars for each meeting which they attended. If a formal appointment by the president should be thought essential or appropriate, I would be glad to appoint any persons whom you recommend.

I have written to the two Davises and certain others who have been helpful to us, expressing our thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Mann

M. A. Wright

MAW:raj

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FILE COPY

April 13, 1955

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

APR 14 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I shall be very glad to be a part of the Atlanta area Finance Committee for SRC. Unfortunately I am in Pennsylvania on May 3 and will not be able to meet with you.

With regrets that this is the situation, I am

Yours truly,

Benjamin E. Mays
President

BEM:H

FILE COPY

The CITIZENS TRUST Company

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

APR 14 1955

April 13, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

As crowded as my time is and as beset with jobs, appointments, and responsibilities, all dealing with fund raising, I am crazy enough to say that I will make every effort to serve on the Atlanta area Finance Committee for SRC and to meet with the group on Tuesday, May 3, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

L. D. Milton
President

LDM:erw

FILE COPY

ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

APR 15 1955

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 14, 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I expect to be present at the Finance Committee meeting in your office at 3:30 p. m. on Tuesday, May 3.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus

REC:v

UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Columbia Theological Seminary

Decatur, Georgia

FILE COPY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 14, 1955.

APR 15 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell, Exec. Dirc.,
Southern Regional Council, Inc.,
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

Your letter of April 12 has been received and I appreciate your asking me to be a part of an Atlanta area Finance Committee for SRC.

I am reluctant to decline any request of this nature, but am so loaded with other responsibilities at the present time that I must ask to be excused from this responsibility. It would in any event be impossible for me to attend the meeting on Tuesday, May 3, since that is the date for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors for Columbia Theological Seminary.

Regretting that I cannot render this service, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. McDowell Richards

J. McDowell Richards.

JMR:vws

FILE COPY

Montag BROS., INC.
FASHIONABLE WRITING PAPERS
245 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 6, GEORGIA

April 15th, 1955

APR 16 1955

Mr. George S. Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear George:

I tried to reach you today but found you were out of town. I am going out of town on a trip myself tomorrow and will not be back for ten days. I will be here, however, for the May 3rd meeting.

I have been bothered for sometime about acceptance of Treasurer position in the Council and meant to speak to you before this. I did have a brief conversation with Morris Abram and discussed it with Philip Shulhafer . Without going into details in a letter, I wanted to mention that I feel there is a strong possibility that sometime in the next year or two my position as Treasurer of the Council and position with Montag's could cause major complications. I am sure you realize what I mean since it is not a new problem. I would hate to get out on a limb where I would have to backtrack on one side or the other. Under the circumstances, I doubt seriously the wisdom of my being listed as Treasurer of the Council.

I will discuss this in detail with you when I see you. I want to continue on the Board and be active in the future, but I think there is an element of danger in my becoming Treasurer of the Council.

Sincerely,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

Bud Weiss

President

MLW:mc

FILE COPY

ATLANTA AREA FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 3, 1955

Invited	Accepted	Reminded
Morton Weiss	4/15/55	today
J. McDowell Richards	declined	"
Rufus E. Clement	4/14/55	out of town
Benjamin E. Mays	4/13/55	today
L. D. Milton	4/13/55	today
Josephine Wilkins	5/2/55	
Edward Vinson	March	today
Morris Abram		today
George Goodwin		today
Philip Hammer		today
Leonard Haas		today

SRC'S OFFICE
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

FILE COPY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3, 1955

3:00 p.m.

Atlanta Area Committee

		Accepted	Declined
1.	J. McDowell Richards		4/14/55
2.	Rufus E. Clement	4/14/55 reminded	
3.	Benjamin E. Mays	4/13/55 (cannot attend meeting)	
4.	L. D. Milton	4/13/55 reminded	
5.	Morton Weiss	4/15/55 (might not accept appointment as Treasurer) reminded coming	
6.	Josephine Wilkins	5/2/55 reminded by gal?	
7.	Edward Vinson Winship Supply	coming	
8.	Morris Abram		
9.	Mr. George Goodwin	JSM phoned - may come	
10.	Philip Hammer	reminded via ofc.	
11.	Leonard Haas	reminded, via gal.	

Prepared for Finance Committee Meeting,
May 3, 1955

FILE COPY

TWELVE MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1955
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Central Office Only

We currently spend about $7,000 per month Twelve months @ $7,000	$84,000
Allowance for special programs, Fellowship of the Concerned, Annual Meeting, etc.	4,000
TOTAL NEEDED, 12 MONTHS	$88,000
Toward raising this, we may conservatively expect to get from normal, non-foundation sources (see note 1 below)	$23,000
From foundations which frequently help us or may quite probably help us (note 2 below)	20,000
From Fund for the Republic (conditional upon our raising at least $55,000)	24,000
TOTAL	$67,000
Subtract this expectation from $88,000, and the shortfall is, which sum should be the goal of the Finance Committee	$21,000

Note 1. expectation from SRC normal sources

Individuals	$1,000
Board Members	3,000
Labor organizations	4,000
Churches	3,500
Associates' dues	750
New South	6,000
Sale of Literature	3,500
Honoraria	1,500
TOTAL	$23,350 or 23,000

Note 2.

Marshall Field	$5,000
Doris Duke	5,000
Ford Foundation	5,000
Small Family Fndtns	1,200
Wm. C. Whitney Fndtn	1,500
Phelps-Stokes	2,000
TOTAL	$19,700 or 20,000

Parenthesis on Commitment to Fund for the Republic

They will pay 24,000 if we raise $55,000
Toward this $55,000 we can expect

Normal SRC	$23,000
Foundations	20,000
	$ 43,000

So that merely to meet the Fund for the Republic's condition, this committee must raise $12,000

And to keep SRC going much as is, a total of $21,000.

Montag BROS., INC.
FASHIONABLE WRITING PAPERS
245 NORTH HIGHLAND AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 6, GEORGIA

May 6th, 1955

MAY 9 1955

Mr. George Mitchell
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

The Southeastern Paper and Pulp Industry has a Community Relations Service which I believe is involved in community relations. The annual meeting will be held November 9th at the Biltmore Hotel. Mr. I. Y. East is Chairman and he is located at International Paper Company, Mobile 9, Alabama.

I do not know if their program includes problems of race relations. However, this is an extremely wealthy group and might be ideal for soliciting for Council. I suggest you write Mr. East, telling him I suggested same, and see if there is a possibility of your getting on the program, or at least making a presentation to their directors. We have not been active in this program since it is primarily the paper mills. Otherwise, I would approach Mr. East myself. I am not acquainted with him, however, on a personal basis.

Sometime next week I will look into your request for a list of large corporations here in the South.

Sincerely,

MONTAG BROTHERS, INC.

Bud Weiss

President

MLW:mc

May 24, 1955

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o The Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

I stopped, on last Friday morning I believe, and talked with Morton Weiss. He wishes to continue as an active member of the Finance Committee, but for reasons related to the business does not think it wise for him to be the Treasurer. I, of course, did not dispute his wishes.

So we are still in need of a Treasurer and I should think that the Executive Committee would be grateful for any ideas you and others on the subcommittee may have on that score.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 25, 1955

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

When the Finance Committee met you very kindly promised to get out letters to various people, mostly Church officials, who might be brought to put SRC into their annual budgets. You wanted a hundred copies of the grey leaflet. Here are the leaflets. As to the letters, if you will give us in draft what you want to say, and the names and addresses, marking those names for whom you wish an informal salutation (and which -- Dear Harry, or what?) and the stationery, we will get the letters typed and back to you for signature.

Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
100 Grey Leaflets under separate cover
this date.

FILE COPY Finance Committee

October 5, 1955

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Some time ago our Executiv e Committee decided that it would be wise to create three finance committees, covering three areas of the South. The area with which your letter is concerned embraces the states of North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. For those states I have been directed to ask Mr. John H. Wheeler, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina, Mr. Paul Williams, 3320 Glouchester Rd, Richmond, 22, Virginia, Mr. R. B. Atwood, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky and Mr. Alfred Mynders, The Times, Chattanooga, Tennessee, to serve, with Mr. Wheeler acting as chairman. We do hope that you will not fail us on this important assignment.

To keep faith with the Fund For The Republic it is necessary for us to raise substantial sums of money in the South. We have felt that $5,000.00 for the four states mentioned would be fair.

The Executive Committee of the Council is to meet in Atlanta on October 28 and 29th. I am requesting each of the gentlemen mentioned to meet at the office of the Council at 10 O'clock AM on Thursday, October 27th, at which time the financial situation may be discussed with the

staff and the committee above named may decide upon ways and means by which they may accomplish their job. Your expense for the trip will, of course, be paid by the Council.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will write me at once that we may count upon your attendance in Atlanta on October 27th.

Thanking you and with kind regards, I am

Yours sincerely,
M. A. Wright
M. A. Wright

MAW:EJG

c c to George Mitchell

This letter sent to:

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Rd.
Richmond 22, Va.

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Ky.

Mr. Alfred Mynders
The Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

FILE COPY

October 7, 1955

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Dear Mr. Wright:

It is with deep regret that I am forced to decline the appointment to the new Finance Committee to raise funds for the Council. As you know, I resigned from the vice presidency and the Board sometime ago. I felt that I owed it to The Chattanooga Times to treat this segregation crisis from an absolutely judicial position. Higher executives in The Chattanooga Times' management also thought that this was the proper course for me to take.

I hope that you see The Times often enough to know that we have supported the Chattanooga Board of Education in its famous decision.

I understand that we are carrying a story tomorrow or on the following day from the new executive secretary of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, which is the new name for the Tennessee division of the Southern Regional Council. I understand they are trying to raise $600 in the State and had contacted all former members of the Tennessee division to renew memberships.

Wishing you all success, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Alfred Mynders

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls, N. C.

AM/ea

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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OCT 13 1955

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. M. A. Wright, President
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This will acknowledge receipt of your very kind letter of October 5.

I find that my schedule of duties here is such that I can not be away on the dates indicated. Furthermore, responsibilities already accepted are so heavy that I can not add any other at this time. I do hope that this letter comes early enough for you to appoint someone else to your committee in my stead.

Very sincerely yours,

Finance Committee

R. B. Atwood
President

RBA:wts

CC: Mr. George S. Mitchell

FILE COPY

October 13, 1955

Mr. Wilson Brown
Vice-President
State Planters Bank
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

There may have been some correspondence from the President of the Southern Regional Council, Marion Wright, to you about a proposed Finance Committee meeting for the upper South. So few could come to the proposed meeting that it had to be called off.

Next time I am in Richmond, I will drop by and get your advice on the not overwhelming problem that we face.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

Atlanta, Georgia
October 25, 1955

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, the following statements are attached:

Exhibit A - Statement of Receipts - Central Office, April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955
Exhibit B - Statement of Disbursements, Central Office, April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

These statements cover the operations of the Central Office for the eighteen month period since the original grant by the Fund for the Republic.

Exhibit A indicates that substantially more than the agreed $40,000.00 was secured during the period under review.

As of September 30, 1955, twelve state organizations are in operation.

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Receipts - Central Office
April 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

	4/1/54 to 12/31/54	1/1/55 to 9/30/55	Total
Contributions:			
Individuals	$ 795.04	$ 2,838.00	$ 3,633.04
Organizations	2,073.26	3,975.00	6,048.26
Churches	2,570.00	3,695.00	6,265.00
Foundations	1,810.00	18,350.00	20,160.00
Dues	1,094.00	311.00	1,405.00
New South Subscriptions	393.13	3,210.50	3,603.63
Sale of Literature	2,776.74	2,204.76	4,981.50
Honoraria	1,005.63	1,521.38	2,527.01
Interest Income	33.33	2,543.83	2,577.16
State Divisions	560.50	37.00	597.50
Totals	$13,111.63	$38,686.47	$51,798.10
Fund for the Republic			80,200.00 *
			$131,998.10

EXHIBIT A

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Disbursements - Central Office

	4/1/54 to 12/31/54	1/1/55 to 9/30/55	Total
Salaries Paid	$ 35,678.33	$ 40,484.86	$ 76,163.19
Rent	1,020.00	980.00	2,000.00
Travel	5,811.80	5,695.40	11,507.20
Telephone & Telegraph	1,120.89	1,529.87	2,650.76
Postage	672.35	1,262,80	1,935.15
S. S. Taxes	442.01	586.59	1,028.60
Annual Meeting Expenses	1,473.88	1,211.50	2,685.38
State Divisions	823.00	116.00	939.00
Office Equipment	719.60	528.70	1,248.30
Office Alterations	1,680.24		1,680.24
Office Supplies	1,249.01	1,231.34	2,480.35
Consultants Fees	482.10	1,049.50	1,531.60
Accounting & Legal	110.00	410.00	520.00
Printing	6,387.73	6,891.77	13,279.50
Insurance	749.58		749.58
Bank Charges	5.25	2.15	7.40
Georgia Sales Tax	15.55	15.13	30.68
1953 Accounts Payable	590.73		590.73
Williamsburg Conference	2,768.01		2,768.01
Books & Magazines	224.67	634.05	858.72
Human Relations Study	600.00		600.00
Miscellaneous	513.92	131.05	644.97
1954 Accounts Payable		502.47	502.47
Special Services		480.47	480.47
	$ 63,138.65	$ 63,743.65	$126,882.30

EXHIBIT B

November 23, 1955

First National Bank
First National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that on November 9, 1955, the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., in their business meeting confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, then Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation. As of this date the word "Acting" will be dropped from her signature on all business of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rh

November 23, 1955

Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that on November 9, 1955, the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., in their business meeting confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Ruth House Alexander, then Acting Secretary-Treasurer, as Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation. As of this date the word "Acting" will be dropped from her signature on all business of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rh

Mr. Paul Williams,
3320 Gloucester Road,
Richmond,
VIRGINIA.

December 8th, 1955.

Dear Paul,

Marion told me you had very kindly agreed to be the Virginia man on the Finance Committee of the SRC. We are all gratitude for this extra measure of devotion. Here is a first pronouncement of possible policy, and we'll be writing you later for arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

(Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director.)

GSM:rl.
ccs.
MAW
GSA
RA.

Atlanta, Georgia
January 16, 1956

Dr. George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

An examination has been made of the books and records of the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., Atlanta, Georgia, for the period of January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

The following Exhibits and Schedules, together with Comments, are shown below:

Exhibit A	-	Balance Sheet, December 31, 1955
Exhibit B	-	Statement of Income and Expense, Central Office, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955
Exhibit C	-	Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 1	-	Bank Reconciliation - First National Bank
Schedule 2	-	Bank Reconciliation - Citizens Trust Co.
Schedule 3	-	Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Literature
Schedule 4	-	Accounts Payable, December 31, 1955
Schedule 5	-	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Fellowship of the Concerned, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 6	-	Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Commission on Equal Penalties, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.
Schedule 7	-	Analysis of Receipts and Disbursements, State Divisions, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

COMMENTS

Cash In Bank - Central Office - $ 18,408.97
Cash In Bank - State Organizations - $ 53,594.38

All recorded receipts were traced to bank deposits and disbursements were compared with cancelled checks. Bank balances at December 31, 1955 were confirmed by correspondence with the depositories.

Savings Accounts - $ 89,486.10

This consists of nine Treasury bills of $10,000 each dated October 13, 1955, due January 12, 1956. They are held by the Citizens Trust Company on deposit with the Federal Reserve Bank. The bank has been instructed to reinvest this fund upon the maturity of the bills.

Accounts Receivable - $ 84.00

Schedule 3 attached shows a list of those who have purchased literature, and whose accounts remain unpaid at December 31.

Inventory - Pamphlets - $ 1,530.00

This represents the cost price of pamphlets on hand at December 31, 1955.

Accounts Payable - $ 1,789.56

Schedule 4 contains the list of unpaid accounts for regular operations at December 31. These have all been paid at the date of this report.

Accrued Payroll Taxes - $ 1,894.24

This represents social security taxes and income taxes withheld at December 1955 for both the Central Office and State Organizations.

Due to Special Projects - $ 1,148.31

The amounts shown on the Balance Sheet belong to the projects indicated. No activity took place in the Commission on Equal Penalties during the year.

Advance Appropriations - $112,500.00

This represents an advance from the Fund for the Republic for the next nine months of operation of the Central Office and State Organizations.

General

Exhibit B reflects Income for the Central Office for the year of $89,938.26 and Expenses of $86,506.19 or an excess of Income over Expenses of $3,432.07.

Exhibit C shows the Income for State Organizations of $151,537.50 and Expenses of $127,963.22, and an excess of Income over Expenses of $23,574.28 for the year.

At December 31 all twelve state organizations had been activated, although some began operations late in the year.

In our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Statements of Income and Expense present fairly the financial condition at December 31, 1955 and results of operations for the year then ended.

Respectfully,

L E Campbell

L. E. Campbell, C.P.A.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1955

ASSETS

Cash In Bank - Central Office (Sch. 1)	$ 18,408.97	
Cash In Bank - Special Projects(Sch. 2)	53,594.38	
State Divisions Savings	89,486.10	
Accounts Receivable (Sch. 3)	84.00	
Inventory - Pamphlets	1,530.00	
Total Assets		$ 163,103.45

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Sch. 4)		$ 1,789.56	
Accrued Payroll Taxes		1,894.24	
Georgia Sales Tax		3.46	
Due to Special Projects:			
Commission on Equal Penalties	$341.07		
Fellowship of the Concerned	807.24	1,148.31	
Advance Appropriations:			
Fund for the Republic		112,500.00	
Total Liabilities			$ 117,335.57
Surplus, December 31, 1955			45,767.88
Total Liabilities and Surplus			$ 163,103.45

EXHIBIT A

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Contributions:		
Church Sources:		
The Board of Education of the Methodist Church	$ 300.00	
The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church	750.00	
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church	1,200.00	
The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.	1,000.00	
Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.	250.00	
The Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.	200.00	
Michigan Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church	100.00	
Georgia Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church	25.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Glenn Memorial Church	50.00	
Woman's Society of Christian Service, Kentucky	75.00	
Fisk Union Church	20.00	
Disciples of Peace Fellowship	25.00	
Total Church Contributions		$ 3,995.00
Labor Organizations:		
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union - A.F.L.	500.00	
American Federation of Labor	1,000.00	
United Rubber Workers of America - CIO	100.00	
United Auto Workers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
United Steelworkers of America - CIO	1,000.00	
Congress of Industrial Organizations	750.00	
Total Labor Organizations		4,350.00
Foundation Sources:		
Field Foundation	7,000.00	
Doris Duke Foundation	10,000.00	
Miller and Rhodes Foundation	200.00	
Marion R. Ascoli Fund	300.00	
Edgar Stern Family Fund	300.00	
Rita H. Aronstom Charitable and Educational Foundation	50.00	
Sidney Hillman Foundation	200.00	
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	300.00	
Total Foundation Sources		18,350.00

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - Operating Fund
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Brought Forward from EXHIBIT B, Page 1	$ 26,695.00
Individuals	3,694.00
Miscellaneous	11.00
Total Contributions	$ 30,400.00
Members Dues	337.00
Honoraria	1,721.96
Sale of Miscellaneous Literature	2,657.72
New South Subscriptions	4,876.50
Fund for the Republic Grant	46,850.00
Interest Income	3,095.08
Total Income	$ 89,938.26

EXPENSE

	Paid	Due Dec. 31	Total
Salaries	$ 56,228.28		$ 56,228.28
Travel	7,369.75	$ 901.40	8,271.15
Printing	6,997.84	514.22	7,512.06
Rent	1,400.00		1,400.00
Telephone & Telegraph	2,235.08	187.70	2,422.78
Postage	1,535.21		1,535.21
Books and Subscriptions	686.28	22.64	708.92
Accounting Fees	550.00	45.00	595.00
Office Supplies	1,501.16	88.60	1,589.76
Annual Meeting & Exec. Com.	2,310.56		2,310,56
OAB Taxes	780.20	50.24	830.44
Bank Exchange	2.55		2.55
Georgia Sales Tax	19.03	3.46	22.49
Office Equipment	601.42		601.42
Office Alterations	200.00		200.00
Consultants Fees	1,557.00		1,557.00
Special Services	541.97	30.00	571.97
Miscellaneous Expenses	146.60		146.60
Total Expenses	$ 84,662.93	$1,843.26	$ 86,506.19

Total Income - 1955	$ 89,938.26
Total Expenses - 1955	86,506.19
Excess of Income over Expenses	$ 3,432.07

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

Statement of Income and Expense - State Organizations
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

INCOME

Appropriation from Fund for the Republic	$150,350.00
North Carolina Council on Human Relations	1,000.00
Interest Income	187.50
Total Income	$151,537.50

EXPENSE

Salaries	$81,182.51		
Consultants Fees	5,500.00		
Local expenses	28,713.32		
Social Security Taxes	1,393.13	$ 116,788.96	
Items Chargeable against Unallocated State Funds:			
Fisk Institute	$ 2,236.64		
Legal expense	572.16		
Atlanta University Conf.	826.92		
Report to Exec. Com. by Asst. Dir. for Program	350.00		
Mammoth Cave Meeting	605.30		
Irene Osborne	5,436.47		
John Hope	1,000.00		
Miscellaneous	146.77	11,174.26	
Total expenses			$127,963.22
Excess of Income over Expenses			$ 23,574.28

EXHIBIT C

BANK RECONCILIATION - FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Atlanta, Georgia

December 31, 1955

Balance, per bank				$20,749.96
Less checks outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
7014	$ 7.79	7362	$ 177.26	
7145	140.00	7363	138.43	
7354	104.50	7364	94.95	
7357	362.87	7365	94.95	
7358	253.56	7366	204.10	
7359	243.56	7367	119.80	
7360	181.43	7368	75.05	
7361	138.43	7374	4.31	2,340.99
Balance per books, December 31, 1955				$18,408.97

Schedule 1

BANK RECONCILIATION - CITIZENS TRUST CO.,

Atlanta, Georgia

December 31, 1955

Balance per bank				$58,942.83
Less Checks Outstanding:				
Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
1962	$ 7.20	2448	$ 88.19	
2362	181.43	2449	98.19	
2365	100.27	2450	73.95	
2392	35.00	2451	224.10	
2403	181.43	2453	181.43	
2407	44.80	2454	83.19	
2419	83.19	2455	182.26	
2433	46.77	2456	172.26	
2437	186.43	2457	208.33	
2438	197.26	2458	102.09	
2439	82.79	2459	142.91	
2440	181.43	2460	187.26	
2441	93.19	2461	85.27	
2443	100.27	2462	44.00	
2444	44.80	2463	192.26	
2445	186.43	2464	177.26	
2446	88.19	2465	88.19	
2447	176.43	2467	1000.00	5,348.45
Balance, per books, December 31, 1955				$53,594.38

Schedule 2

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE
December 31, 1955

Virginia Council on Human Relations	$ 80.00
Methodist Publishing House	2.50
Burlington,North Carolina City Schools	1.50
Total	$ 84.00

Schedule 3

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
December 31, 1955

Vendor	Amount
M. A. Wright	$ 30.00
Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations	.90
The Reporter	4.50
Texas Observer	2.00
University of Chicago Press	6.00
L. E. Campbell	45.00
National Education Association of U.S.	9.24
Office Supply Co.	3.30
Mathews Drive-u-self Service	7.99
Mimeograph Co.	8.60
Elliott Address Machine Co.	30.55
F. Olden Co.	71.00
Stein Printing Co.	483.87
Frederick Routh	5.90
Cook Typewriter Service	5.70
Southern Bell Telephone Company	187.70
Eastern Air Lines	887.51
Total	$ 1,789.56

Distribution:

Printing	$ 514.22
Office Supplies	88.60
Books and Subscriptions	22.64
Travel	901.40
Special Services	30.00
Accounting	45.00
Telephone & Telegraph	187.70
Total	$ 1,789.56

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Special Projects

January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED

Receipts		
Balance, January 1, 1955	$ 1,370.99	
John Hay Whitney Foundation	1,000.00	
Honorarium	97.00	
Total Receipts		$ 2,467.99
Disbursements		
Workshop Expense	827.75	
Travel	782.55	
Postage and Supplies	50.45	
Total Expense		1,660.75
Balance, December 31, 1955		$ 807.24

Schedule 5

COMMISSION ON EQUAL PENALTIES

Receipts	
Balance, January 1, 1955	$ 341.07
Disbursements	
None	
Balance, December 31, 1955	$ 341.07

Schedule 6

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
STATE DIVISIONS
January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

	Balance 1/1/55	Receipts	Disbursements
Alabama	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$ 2.00
Arkansas	8.00	5.00	13.00
Florida	29.50	15.00	44.50
Kentucky	3.00	1.00	4.00
Louisiana	6.00	-	6.00
Mississippi	9.00	6.00	15.00
South Carolina	22.50	-	22.50
Tennessee	6.00	3.00	9.00
Totals	$ 85.00	$ 31.00	$ 116.00

Schedule 7